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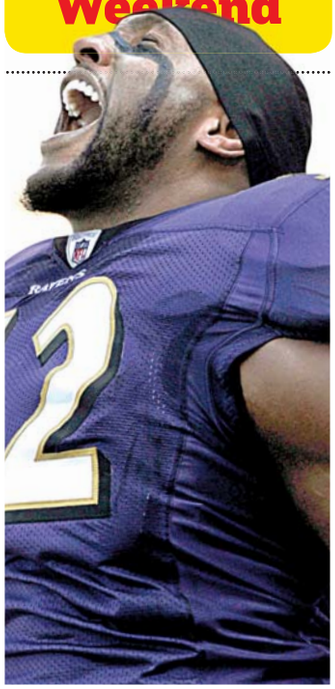

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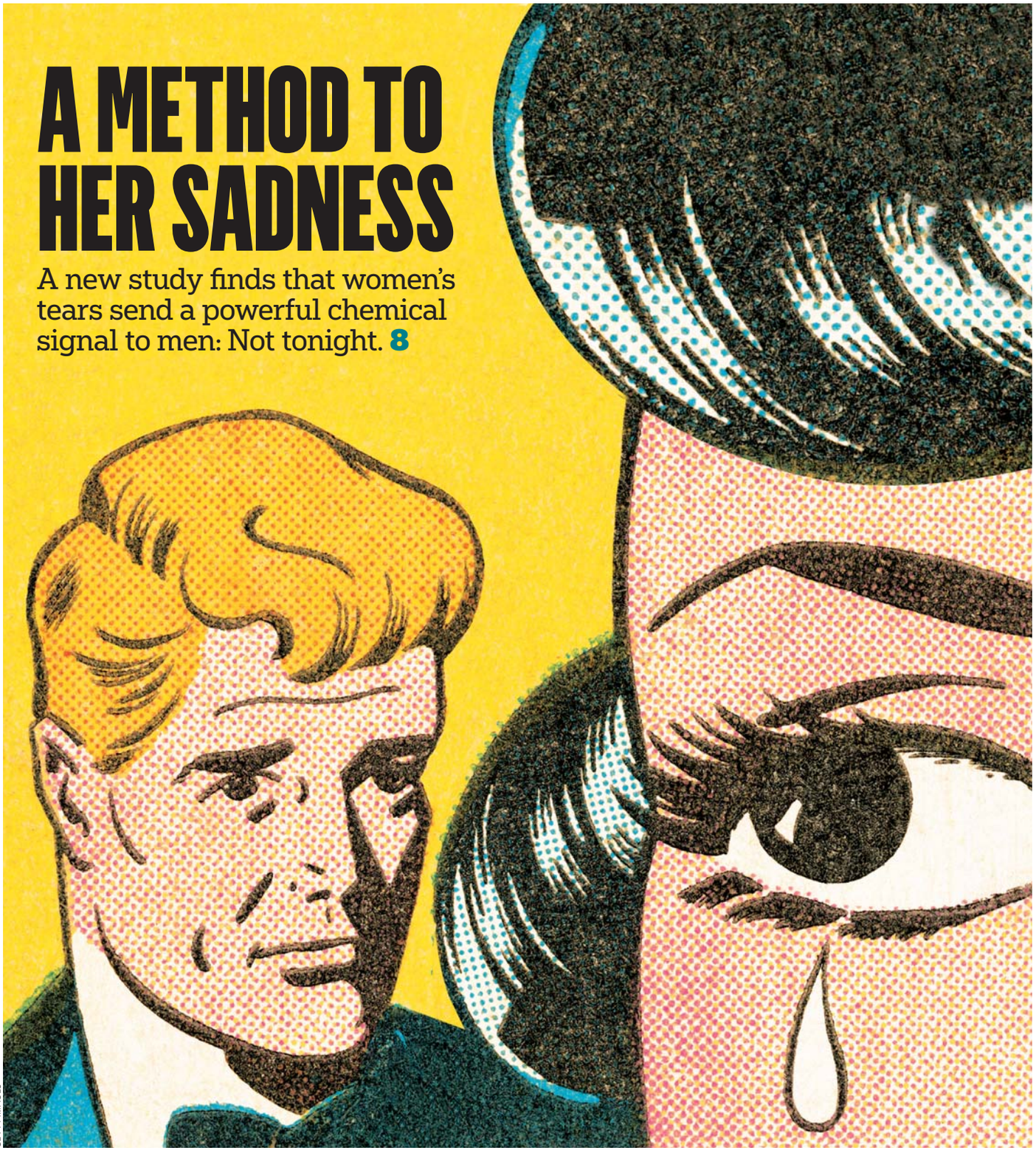

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'This Former Crime Scene Of Mine Feels Like Home'

Police in Delaware say a man broke into a house, got drunk and couldn't make his way back outside — so he called 911 for help. John Finch was trapped in the home in part because he'd broken into it this past April. The homeowner changed the locks so that a key was required — even inside. No one was home when Finch broke in again. He stayed for a few days, drinking three bottles of gin and two bottles of whiskey. (AP)

"I want to tone up so I can get his character Edward Cullen on my stomach."

— **CATHY WARD,** A BRITISH WOMAN WHOSE LOVE FOR ROBERT PATTINSON INSPIRED HER FIRST TATTOO, A MIX OF "TWILIGHT" CHARACTERS AND SCENES COVERING HER ENTIRE BACK.

Man Refuses to Abide By Outdated Patriarchal Monetary Concepts

Police in the Phoenix area are looking for a bank robbery suspect they've dubbed the "$60 Bill Bandit" because he once asked a teller for $40 and $60 bills — denominations that aren't printed. The person is wanted in connection with four bank robberies in four cities since October. The most recent holdup was Dec. 23 at a Bank of America in Gilbert, Ariz. (AP)

The Big Picture

CHRISTOF STACHE/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

SLEDDERS IN VIKING HELMETS speed to the finish line of the traditional horn sledge race in a valley near the Bavarian village Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, on Thursday. (GETTY)

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Pentagon to Cut Budget by $78B

Plan to force Marines, Army to shrink active duty troop numbers

Washington

The Pentagon will have to cut spending by $78 billion over the next five years, Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates said Thursday, forcing the Army and Marine Corps to shrink the number of troops on active duty and eventually imposing the first freeze on military spending since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

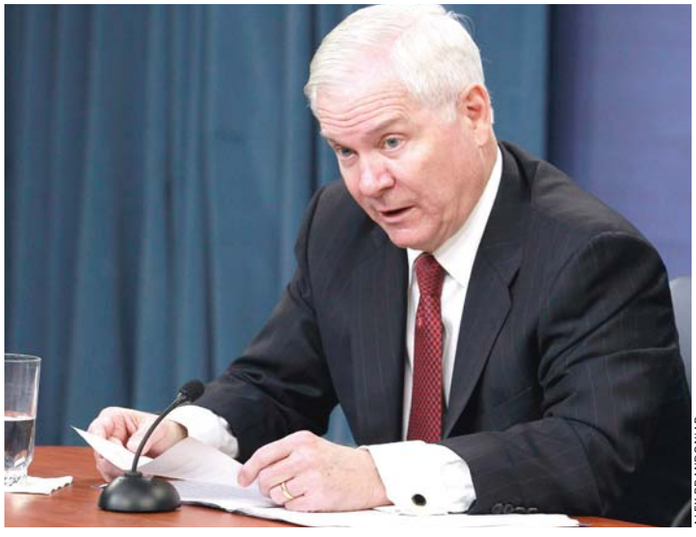
The surprise announcement from Gates was a reminder for the military establishment — which has benefited from a gusher of new money over the past decade — that it will not remain exempt from painful austerity measures that federal lawmakers say will be necessary to control the soaring national debt.

In a news conference to announce what he described as efficiency measures, Gates said he hopes that "what had been a culture of endless money ... will become a culture of savings and restraint" at the Defense Department.

At a time of "extreme fiscal duress," he said, "every dollar spent on excess overhead or unneeded programs ... is a dollar not available to support our troops" or to deal with future threats.

"We must come to realize that not every defense program is necessary, not every defense dollar is sacred or well spent, and more of everything is simply not sustainable," Gates said.

In response to questions, he emphasized that the $78 billion reduction over the next five years actually represents a "decline in the rate of growth," since the Pentagon budget will grow "in absolute dollars" every year. "The focus here is on a reduction in the rate of growth as opposed to absolute cuts," he said. (THE WASHINGTON POST)



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Defense Secretary Robert Gates lays out his defense budget cuts on Thursday.

"We are not exempt from scrutiny and being asked to figure out what we are doing with less dollars."

— **DEFENSE SECRETARY ROBERT GATES,** ON THE MOVE TO CUT $78 BILLION FROM THE PENTAGON'S BUDGET IN AN EFFORT TO TRIM FAT FROM THE MILITARY'S ANNUAL BUDGET.

Meanwhile ...

Cut spending, raise taxes and fees, and accept billions of dollars from Congress. That's been the formula for states trying to survive the worst economy since the 1930s. As Republicans prepare to take control of the House and exert more influence in the Senate, it's clear that option No. 3 will soon wither. States will continue to face substantial deficits over the next few years, but they will have to get by with the end of stimulus spending and less financial help from the federal government. (AP)

In Brief

LOS ANGELES

Howard K. Stern Walks On Drug Conviction

Stern

A judge Thursday dismissed the drug conspiracy convictions of the late Anna Nicole Smith's boyfriend-lawyer Howard K. Stern and her psychiatrist, allowing only one conviction to remain against the physician while reducing it to a misdemeanor. Superior Court Judge Robert Perry found that Stern never had the intent to defraud when he used his name and others' to protect Smith's privacy when he obtained prescriptions for her. (AP)

NEW ORLEANS

New Oil Findings Boost Chance of More Charges

Months of investigation by a presidential commission and other panels reinforce the likelihood that companies involved in the Gulf oil spill — BP, Transocean and Halliburton — will be slapped with criminal charges that could add tens of billions of dollars to the huge fines they already face, legal experts said Thursday. The reports don't blame a single person or group for the series of mistakes. That means in the end, no one may go to prison for the worst offshore oil spill in U.S. history. (AP)

New Strategy: Gift-card sales are booming, and the U.S. Postal Service wants a piece of the action. Starting in May, about 2,000 post offices will start selling gift cards of $25 or more, and another 1,000 locations will start doing so in October. The cards will be available at about 110 locations in D.C., Maryland and Virginia, according to the USPS. The Postal Regulatory Commission approved plans to sell the gift cards Wednesday. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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Autism Study a 'Fraud'

Vaccine link research discredited, but will views be changed?

Atlanta

This week more shame was heaped upon the discredited British researcher whose work gave rise to the childhood-vaccines-cause-autism movement, as a prominent medical journal published a report that the man had faked his data.

But will it make a difference?

Some believe the latest news will finally destroy the reputation of researcher Andrew Wakefield and put an end to the claim of scientific underpinnings for the anti-vaccine movement. "We hope that declaring the paper a fraud will close that door for good," wrote the journal BMJ this week, in an editorial accompanying the report.

Yet at least some advocacy groups continue to take Wakefield's side. And though the latest report may ease the doubts of some parents, experts said they'd be surprised if the latest news changes views overall.

"This scared people, and it's hard to unscare them," said Dr. Paul Offit, an infectious disease expert at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. "Until medicine can step up and say, 'We understand the cause of autism,' they may never be assured," said Offit, who has written books criticizing the anti-vaccine movement.

Immunization rates in Britain dropped from 92 percent to 73 percent. The effect was not nearly as dramatic in the United States, but researchers have estimated that as many as 125,000 U.S. children born in the late 1990s did not get the MMR vaccine because of the Wakefield splash. MIKE STOBBE (AP)

Backstory

Andrew Wakefield made international waves after the publication in 1998 in the Lancet, a prestigious medical journal, that he and his colleagues had linked the measles-mumps-rubella vaccine with autism in most of a dozen children they had studied. It was a small series of observations, wrapped in a hypothesis — not even a full medical study. But it exploded in the media, prompting a wave of parental concerns in England and the United States. (AP)

17 **The number of days** admission to National Parks will be free this year. About 147 of the 394 parks and historic sites operated by the National Park Service charge admission. Fees will be waived for Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Jan. 15-17), National Park Week (April 16-24), the first day of summer (June 21), National Public Lands Day (Sept. 24) and Veterans Day (Nov. 11-13), the National Park Service said Wednesday. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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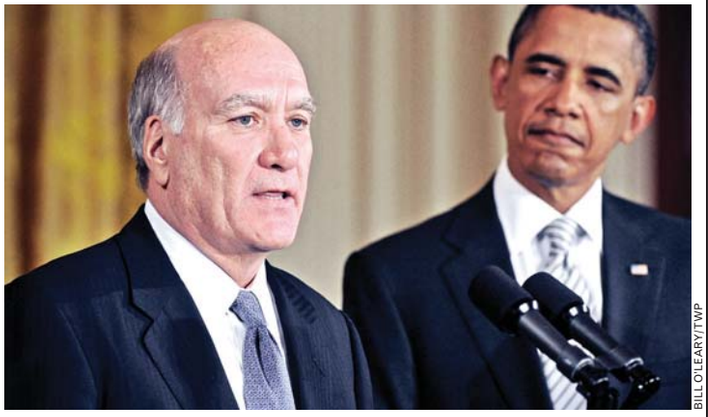

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President Obama named William Daley as White House chief of staff on Thursday.

Obama Taps Daley As Chief of Staff

Wall Street banker, lawyer chosen to help navigate Congress

Washington

President Obama named veteran political manager William Daley to be his new chief of staff Thursday, selecting a centrist with Wall Street ties to help navigate a newly divided Congress and a looming re-election.

"Few Americans can boast the breadth of experience that Bill brings to this job," Obama told reporters in the East Room as Daley, 62, stood at his side. "But most of all, I know Bill to be somebody who cares deeply about this country, believes in its promise, and considers no calling higher and more important than serving the American people."

The appointment represented the most significant move in a far-reaching and ongoing staff shake-up that included the departure of Obama's press secretary and several key deputies and economic advisers. It came the day after Republicans officially assumed control of the House and increased their numbers in the Senate.

Daley offers criteria Obama wants for the new environment in Washington: an outsider's perspective, credibility with the business community, familiarity with the ways of the Cabinet and experience in navigating divided government.

Daley, a lawyer and banker, now serves as Midwest chairman of JPMorgan Chase. **BEN FELLER (AP)**

> **"This team will not let you down — nor the nation."**
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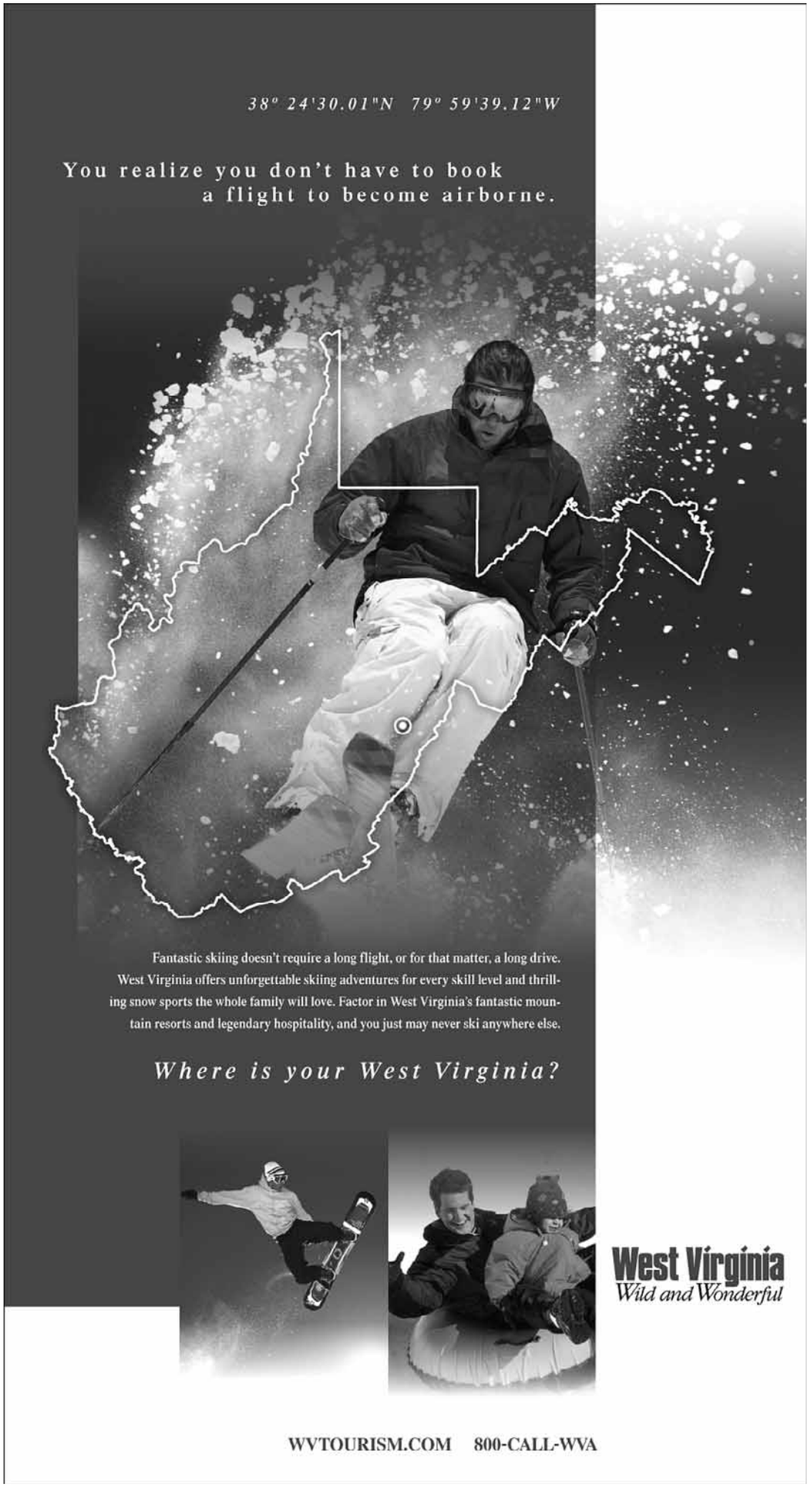
> — **WILLIAM DALEY,** MAKING A PLEDGE TO PRESIDENT OBAMA AFTER BEING NAMED CHIEF OF STAFF ON THURSDAY.

John Edwards Gets Left Out

The will Elizabeth Edwards signed days before her death Dec. 1 made no mention of her estranged husband, former presidential candidate John Edwards. The document named her eldest child, lawyer Cate Edwards, as the executor of her estate. She left personal effects, furniture, automobiles and property to be divided among her children — Cate Edwards, 12-year-old Emma Claire and 10-year-old Jack. **(AP)**



World

Pakistan to Undo Gas Price Hikes

To recoup stability, coalition yields to an opposition demand

Islamabad

Reeling from the loss of key coalition partners and the assassination of a ruling party governor, the Pakistani government capitulated to the opposition Thursday by announcing that it will reverse a recent fuel price increase.

The decision signaled the weakened position of the besieged government led by President Asif Ali Zardari's Pakistan People's Party, which has been squeezed by threats by opposition parties to force its collapse. Though the move amounted to a possible lifeline for the government, it was just one of several demands made by opponents.

Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani said the 9 percent price increase that took effect Jan. 1 would be withdrawn immediately — a decision lauded by the opposition.

"It was a difficult task, an impossible one," Gilani told parliament after a meeting with its main factions. "But your consultation and consensus made it possible."

The main opposition party, former prime minister Nawaz Sharif's Pakistan Muslim League-N, said on Tuesday that the government had six days to accept a list of demands that included the fuel hike reversal, slashing government spending and action against allegedly corrupt top officials.

Sharif hinted that opposition parties would unite to oust the PPP-led government if the demands were not met within 45 days.

Analysts say any party would be hard-pressed to meet that deadline. But with the loss of the government's parliamentary majority after the withdrawal of two allies from the ruling coalition, the PPP has little choice but to at least appear to try. **(THE WASHINGTON POST/AP)**

Meanwhile ...

Mumtaz Qadri, the 26-year-old accused of assassinating Punjab Gov. Salman Taseer, appeared Thursday in a Pakistani court to deliver his confession. Qadri, who allegedly shot Taseer more than 20 times in the back on Tuesday, said that he acted after the governor criticized laws that mandate the death sentence for anyone who insults Islam. "I am proud of it," Qadri was quoted as saying by one of the lawyers who volunteered to defend him. "There is no other use of my life but to sacrifice it for the sake of the Prophet Muhammad." **(AP)**

PAUL SCHEMM/AP

Egyptian police help guard a church.

Copts in Egypt Pack Churches Despite Threats

Cairo

Egypt's Christians filled churches Thursday for mournful Christmas Eve Masses, weeping and donning black, under a heavy security cordon by police out of fear of another attack like the New Year's suicide bombing of an Alexandria church that killed 21 people and wounded nearly 100.

Al-Qaeda in Iraq had threatened Christians in Iraq and Egypt in the weeks ahead of the holidays. Militant websites even posted addresses of churches in Egypt to target. Coptic Christians observe the Orthodox Christmas on Friday. **(AP)**

Sudan's Wait for Referendum Nears Its End

JAHI CHIKWENDIU/TWP

A WOMAN SITS Thursday with her possessions after arriving in Juba, the southern capital of Sudan. The once war-torn country is preparing for a weeklong referendum that begins Sunday, when voters are widely expected to cast their ballots in favor of allowing the predominantly Christian south to secede from the predominantly Muslim north.

7,395 **The number of minutes danced nonstop** by a 37-year-old Indian woman to earn the Guinness record for the longest dance, Guinness World Record officials confirmed Thursday. Kalamandalam Hemaletha practiced for 10 hours a day and ran 28 miles to build stamina, then performed in September her record-setting 123-hour, 15-minute Mohiniyattam, one of the eight Indian classical dance forms. **(AP)**

In Brief

HANOI, VIETNAM

U.S. Official: Diplomat Roughed Up in Vietnam

Police roughed up an American diplomat in Vietnam and repeatedly slammed a car door on his legs when he went to visit a prominent dissident, a U.S. official said Thursday, detailing an encounter that prompted a strong U.S. protest. Christian Marchant, an officer at the U.S. Embassy in Hanoi, was expected to make a full recovery after Wednesday's incident, the official said. **(AP)**

TEHRAN, IRAN

Varied Reports Emerge Of U.S. Woman's Arrest

Iranian state television said Thursday that authorities did not arrest an American woman who tried to enter the country from Armenia, casting doubt on earlier media reports that she had been detained on spying charges. Other local media had said a 55-year-old American was arrested at the border on suspicion of spying and that she had a microphone hidden in her mouth. U.S. officials could not confirm those reports. **(AP)**

Hearsay

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Cover Story

A Crying Shame

A new study concludes that women's tears often reduce men's sexual arousal

Washington

Tears mean a lot of things in the drama of human interaction. They telegraph heartbreak, hopelessness, anger, frustration, elation and relief. They express mood — and can alter behavior — in an instant. But it turns out there might be more to know about tears, which historically have interested poets more than scientists.

A team of Israeli researchers believes that tears, in addition to everything else they convey, send a sexual message that can be summarized as: "Now's not a good time." In a study published online Thursday by the journal Science, the researchers report that men who sniff tears cried by sad women experience a temporary decline in both sexual arousal and circulating testosterone, a hormone tied to libido.

"We've identified that there is a chemo-signal in human tears," said Noam Sobel, the researcher at the Weizmann Institute of Science who headed the study.

Only women's tears have been studied so far, but the researchers suspect men's tears, and possibly children's, also contain chemical signals. They are eager to find out what messages those tears may convey.

The new study places human tears in a raunchier family of fluids that includes urine and the secretions of anogenital glands. Those fluids contain behavior-altering compounds, known as pheromones. Emotional tears have a different chemical composition from tears shed when the eye is irritated. But the identity of the ardor-quenching substance they contain isn't known.

Earlier research in rodents showed that liquids secreted from around the eye have a variety of social effects. In mole rats, the secretions reduce aggressiveness in head-to-head underground confrontations, but in mice they do the opposite.

"What we have found is that human emotional crying may not be so unique after all," Sobel said. "It is a reflection of something common to many, if not all, mammals, which is chemosignaling through lacrimal secretions."

Testosterone concentration in saliva (which reflects the amount circulating in the bloodstream) fell 13 percent after sniffing tears but stayed the same after sniffing saline. Physiological state — as measured by skin temperature, heart rate and respiration — also fell after exposure to tears. Functional MRI imaging of the brain also showed less activity in areas associated with sexual arousal after smelling tears.

Taken together, the results "jointly suggest that women's emotional tears contain a chemosignal that reduces sexual arousal in men," the researchers concluded. "We have ... identified an emotionally relevant function for tears."

In an interview, Sobel hastened to add that he doesn't think chemical signaling is unique to women's tears. His research used them simply because they were easier to obtain.

The research team posted an advertisement on the Weizmann Institute campus seeking volunteers who could cry easily. About 60 women and one man responded. The researchers now have two male criers and are slowly recruiting more in order to study the effects of their tears on women and on other men. **DAVID BROWN (THE WASHINGTON POST)**

The Study

The Rules of Attraction

In the study, the researchers collected tears from women and also trickled saline solution down their cheeks for the "control" substance. A group of men were then exposed to the two liquids by sniffing them in vials and, for some of the experiments, by having a small pad soaked with the liquid taped between the nostrils and the upper lip. The men were unable to distinguish the liquids. But their physiological states, and to some extent their thoughts, changed depending on whether the liquid was tears or saline. For example, when presented with emotionally ambiguous pictures of women's faces, 17 of 24 men in the experiment found the faces to be less sexually attractive after sniffing tears than after sniffing saline. (TWP)

'Champ' Wins

Each woman studied chose a movie to elicit crying, watching it in private and collecting her own tears. The best tear-inducer was the dying scene in "The Champ," a 1979 film starring Jon Voight about an over-the-hill boxer making a comeback in order to provide a better future for his son, who he is raising on his own. (TWP)

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Search Results

Riders comply with our random bag checks. Here's what we found.

Some people have been questioning whether Metro's recent decision to institute random bag checks of passengers actually improves anyone's safety. At a packed meeting on Monday night of the Riders' Advisory Council, dozens derided the program as wasteful "security theater" that only serves to heighten fears while doing nothing to deter potential threats.

Maybe that's because they don't realize what weird, possibly dangerous items riders are concealing. So, Express decided to hit Metro Center and do its own search. No federal funding meant no bomb-sniffing dogs or hand-held explosives detection devices — we had to ask riders to kindly reveal what was in their satchels, purses and packs. Surprisingly, they did.

After a not-at-all-exhaustive survey, we can confidently state that the single greatest public menace is paper cuts. Daniela Ochoa and Gregorie Guibard — who claimed to be tourists — carried a stack of soon-to-be-mailed postcards with particularly lethal-looking edges. The entire system is teeming with hazardous books, magazines and pamphlets. Luckily, there are some true patriots such as Joyce Larson, who whipped out her Kindle. "It gives me something to read, or I can do Sudoku," she explained.

That suspicious shopping bag in

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James Frank's backpack concealed a scale he intends to use for weighing his cats.

Veronica Cuello's Forever 21 shopping bag contained this hot little number.

Veronica Cuello's hand contained a hot one all right: a tight red party dress. "It was very cheap," she bragged. And we refrained from performing a citizen's arrest on Heather Guichard, who pulled a pear out of her bag. It's not illegal to have food on Metro, just to eat it.

When James Frank stepped off the escalator, he had the look of someone with a secret. We "randomly" urged the Columbia Heights resident to fess up about the contents of his backpack. "There's not much in there. Just a bathroom scale I bought to weigh my cats," he said, noting that his wife's cousin's pets are obese. A likely story, Frank. But we weighed the matter, determined passengers had nothing to fear — today, at least — and let him go home. **VICKY HALLETT (EXPRESS)**

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Devices Detonate at Md. Offices

Incidents at MDOT, Annapolis buildings cause minor injuries

Hanover, Md.

Two packages containing incendiary devices created a flash and caused smoke and an odor when they were opened Thursday in separate Maryland government buildings in Annapolis and Hanover, causing evacuations and minor injuries, Maryland authorities said.

The first package, about the size of a book, was opened around 12:30 p.m. in the Jeffrey Building on Francis Street in downtown Annapolis, Maryland State Police spokesman Greg Shipley said. The package was addressed to Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley, officials said.

A short time later, a similar incident occurred at the Maryland Department of Transportation's Headquarters in Hanover.

Shipley said two workers had their fingers singed. Both buildings were evacuated as state and local authorities responded.

"We're grateful that we've had no serious injuries at this time," Shipley said. There was no damage to either building and investigators have found no explosive material, Shipley said.

SUSAN WALSH/AP

Frances Street in Annapolis, Md., is blocked off as officials investigate on Thursday.

Shipley said Maryland State Police are investigating, as well as the FBI.

William E. Barnard, the Maryland fire marshal, said his office received a call about 12:45 p.m. that a person at the Maryland Department of Transportation "opened a package that produced a puff of smoke."

Barnard said bomb technicians determined that the package, which was the size of a book, contained an incendiary-type device that produced a sulfur smell.

"It would be wrong to characterize it as a bomb," he said. "There was no explosion."

Barnard said the device was similar in nature to the package sent to Annapolis.

"At this point there are only two packages," he said. Barnard said the package was delivered by the U.S. Postal Service. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Arrest Made in Hospital Killing

Bethesda, Md.

Montgomery County police have arrested a 49-year-old Lanham man and charged him with first-degree murder in connection with the New Year's Day slaying of his boss at Suburban Hospital in Bethesda, officials said.

The suspect, Keith D. Little, was identified during a Thursday press conference. He stabbed the victim, Roosevelt Brockington Jr., at least 70 times in a boiler room, according to court documents.

Brockington, 40, was a maintenance engineer at the hospital. According to court documents, around 9:45 a.m, Brockington called a friend on the telephone at the hospital. The friend overheard a male demanding money from him; the friend then heard Brockington ask the male not to hurt him, following by several screams. The friend called Brockington's parents, and hospital security and police were contacted.

Little

The number of stabbings suggest that the killer's motivation was anger or retaliation, according to court documents, rather than robbery. An investigation found that Brockington had recently offered a performance appraisal of Little that denied Little a raise, the documents said.

In 2006, Little was charged with second-degree murder while armed, in a 2003 shooting death in the District. Little entered a plea of not guilty. On June 26, 2006, a D.C. Superior Court jury found Little not guilty. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Television

THE SMITHSONIAN Institution's joint TV venture with Showtime Networks has struck an agreement with Comcast Corp. to begin showing the Smithsonian Channel in Washington. The distribution deal comes three years after the channel's debut. (AP)

The Lotteries

Thursday, Jan. 6

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Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	7-5-8
Mid-day Pick 4	1-7-5-4
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	8-5-5-6
Match 5 (Wed.)	16-18-24-25-33 (15)
Multi-Match (Wed.)	13-21-25-29-32-34

District

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	6-1-3
Evening Lucky Numbers (Wed.)	4-7-9
Mid-day DC 4	5-5-1-0
Evening DC 4 (Wed.)	6-2-8-4
Mid-day D.C. Five	2-8-2-0-6
Evening D.C. Five (Wed.)	2-2-9-9-1
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	18-19-32-33-38 (1)

Virginia

Mid-day Pick 3	5-5-7
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	2-5-2
Mid-day Pick 4	5-3-3-0
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	0-9-1-0
Mid-day Cash 5	4-5-6-8-20
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	11-13-15-30-34
Win For Life (Wed.)	3-8-9-17-21-30 (31)

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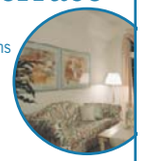

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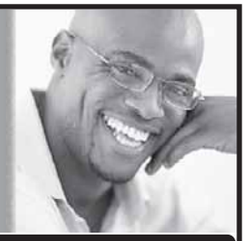

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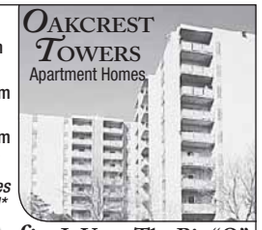

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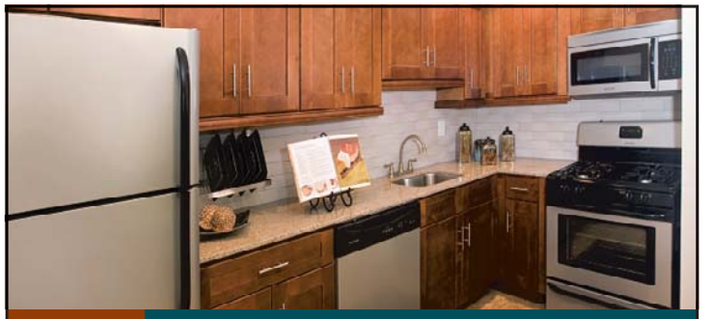

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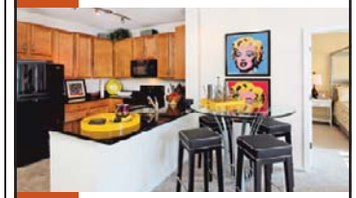

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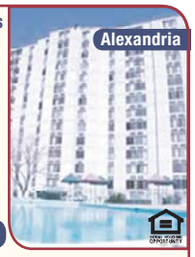

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Duke head coach Mike Krzyzewski is prepping for the game versus Maryland.

Friday

7 P.M. The Wizards and Nets play in a game that could have major ramifications in the draft lottery later this year. CSN
8 P.M. LSU takes on Texas A&M in the Cotton Bowl in Arlington, Texas. Fox
8 P.M. The Orlando Magic hosts the Houston Rockets, and the New York Knicks visit the Phoenix Suns. ESPN

Saturday

11 A.M. Georgetown looks for a much-needed win in the Big East against West Virginia. ESPN2
NOON Dave Wannstedt won't be coaching Pittsburgh against Kentucky in the BBVA Compass Bowl. ESPN
3 P.M. Virginia Tech battles Florida State in an ACC hoops game. ESPN2
4:30 P.M. The NFL playoffs kick off when the Saints visit the Seahawks. NBC
7 P.M. The Wizards, for the 18th time this season, seek their first road win when they visit the Bobcats. CSN+
7 P.M. The Caps shoot to regain first place in the Southeast division when hosting the Florida Panthers. CSN

Sunday

1 P.M. The Ravens play the Chiefs as the playoffs continue. CBS
4:30 P.M. Green Bay visits Philadelphia in the final NFL playoff game of the weekend. Fox
8 P.M. Maryland tries to upend No. 1 Duke. CSN

Ravens' Familiar Road

Path to Super Bowl again has Baltimore in the visitor's role

Pro Football

The Baltimore Ravens won three more games than last season, went 7-1 at home and finished in a tie for the second-best record in the AFC.

Those accomplishments netted nothing more than another wild-card berth, which means the Ravens again face the daunting task of winning three-straight away games to qualify for the Super Bowl.

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The Ravens' defense stuffed the Kansas City Chiefs the last time the teams played — a 38-24 Baltimore win on Sept. 13, 2009.

If there was a theme song for Baltimore in the playoffs, it would be that familiar tune by Willie Nelson that includes the phrase: "Our way is on the road again."

This marks the third consecutive season under coach John Harbaugh that the Ravens have qualified as a wild-card team. Baltimore made it to the AFC title game two years ago, and last year they upset New England in the first round.

Baltimore won its lone Super Bowl title after the 2000 season as a wild-card entrant, but that postseason began with a home game against Denver. The only way the Ravens could play at home now would be in the AFC title game against the No. 6 seed New York Jets.

Knowing that scenario is a long shot, the Ravens intend to make the most of the wild card they were dealt. "I think it's a benefit, the fact that we've been through it two years in a row," Harbaugh said. "We wanted like crazy to not go through it. We wanted that home field, but we didn't get it done. So, here we are."

New England (14-2) enters with the best record in the AFC, followed by Pittsburgh (12-4) and the Ravens. Although Baltimore finished tied with the Steelers atop the AFC North, Pittsburgh won the tiebreaker by virtue of a better record in the division. Thus, Pittsburgh gets a bye.

> **"Anytime you can pack up a great defense like that and take it on the road, you have a chance to win."**
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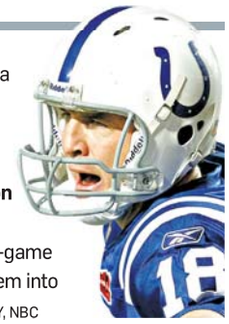
The Ravens, meanwhile, play Sunday in Kansas City against the AFC West champions, who won two fewer games than Baltimore.

"[San Diego coach] Norv Turner told me ... that if you win all your home games and you split on the road, you'll finish 12-4 and host a playoff game every year," Ravens cornerback Chris Carr said. "Well, except this year. It's kind of a peculiar thing that doesn't happen very often, but everyone here should be proud to finish 12-4." DAVID GINSBURG (AP)

NFL Weekend

PACKERS AT EAGLES | Back in September, when Kevin Kolb was Philadelphia's starting quarterback, the Packers won 27-20 at the Linc. **Michael Vick** is nursing an injured leg, but don't look for the Packers to feel sorrow for him — they have placed 15 players on IR this season. 4:30 P.M., SUNDAY, FOX

SAINTS AT SEAHAWKS | New Orleans enters with an 11-5 record, but 7-9 Seattle gets home-field advantage because it won the awful NFC West. New Orleans romped past Seattle 34-19 in November and the Saints have improved since then. The Seahawks have not. 4:30 P.M., SATURDAY, NBC



JETS AT COLTS | This is a rematch of last January's AFC championship game in which the Jets led at halftime only to see **Peyton Manning** work his magic. The Colts are riding a four-game winning streak that got them into the playoffs. 8 P.M., SATURDAY, NBC

sports

Caps Seek to Reclaim First Place

The Capitals

As the Capitals enter their Saturday night match against the Florida Panthers, the team finds itself in an unfamiliar position — second place of the Southeast Division.

After their 1-0 loss to Tampa Bay on Tuesday, the Capitals now trail the Lightning's 53 points by one as they enter a stretch of three consecutive Southeast Division games which winger Mike Knuble calls must-wins.

"Saturday's game is a big game," he said. "It's a beginning of the must-wins. We need those two points especially with our schedule right now."

RICHARD A. LIPSKI/TWP

The Capitals fell into second place after Tuesday's loss to the Tampa Bay Lightning.

After Saturday's match with the Panthers, the Caps will travel to face the Panthers again Tuesday, followed by a road game at Tampa Bay the next day.

With Tampa sitting at the top of the Southeast Division and the Atlanta Thrashers in third with 50 points, the Caps are preparing for a less relaxed end to the season.

For the past two seasons, the team has enjoyed firm leads in the Southeast at the midway point of the season, but Knuble said prefers a division race to a blowout.

"It's a much better way to finish your season and go throughout the second half o the season," he said. "You have to be on your game ... [if you lose] you can drop a couple of standings positions overnight."

REED S. ALBERS

Looking Ahead

If the NHL season ended Thursday, the Capitals would be facing off against the Philadelphia Flyers in the first round as the fifth seed and yield home ice advantage. But if the Caps were to win the division, they'd claim home-ice advantage and one of the top three playoff seeds. That would mean Washington could avoid Philadelphia and the archrival Pittsburgh Penguins in the first round. R.A.

LAWRENCE JACKSON/AP

Mia Hamm and Abby Wambach were among the Freedom's top players.

Freedom's Days Are Numbered

Women's Soccer

Through three different leagues, two stadiums and 10 years, the Washington Freedom has been a mainstay on the local sports landscape.

The club has been high-profile (back in the days of Mia Hamm), low-profile (as current members of WPS) and no profile (the mid-decade minor league years), but it's stuck around and laid a genuine foundation with its youth teams.

Now, however, the Freedom's days are numbered. New owner Dan Borislow, who recently bought a controlling stake from club founder John Hendricks, wants to rename the team magicTalk FC after his telecommunications company and move the team to South Florida.

WPS, now down to just six clubs, is in no position to stand in his way. The league already has approved a plan to play some home games in Florida this year, pending the identification of a suitable venue, a league spokesperson confirmed Thursday. The WPS board and uniform supplier Puma will need to sign off on the name.

WPS Thursday announced the schedule for its season openers and identified the club as magicTalk FC/Washington Freedom. The first game is in Atlanta on April 16. The Freedom was the only one of the six teams not assigned a home opener. BRIAN STRAUS

In Brief

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Luck Staying at Stanford

Stanford quarterback Andrew Luck has decided to stay in college to get his degree instead of immediately cashing in on the riches of being the likely No. 1 pick in the NFL draft. Luck announced his decision Thursday, more than a week before the deadline for underclassmen to declare for the NFL draft. (AP)

Luck

PRO FOOTBALL

Cowboys Tap Garrett

Jason Garrett nailed his audition. He gets to remain coach of the Dallas Cowboy. Team owner Jerry Jones peeled the interim label off Garrett and made him — officially — the eighth head coach in the history of this proud franchise. He's the first head coach who also played for the Cowboys, as he was a backup to Troy Aikman in the 1990s. (AP)

Sunday Pick'Em

	Matt Swenson, SPORTS EDITOR, EXPRESS	Clinton Yates, SPORTS EDITOR, EXPRESS	John Domen, NEWS ANCHOR, 106.7 THE FAN	Arnie Applebaum, GENERAL MANAGER, EXPRESS
JETS (PLUS 2.5) AT COLTS	**COLTS** Hard to pick Sanchez over Manning in the playoffs.	**COLTS** Manning is winning a little thing I like to call "the psychological battle" over Rex Ryan.	**COLTS** I'm losing faith in Indy, but never had much in the Jets to start with.	**COLTS** Just for the chance to keep Rex Ryan in the news a bit longer, I hope the Jets win.
RAVENS (MINUS 3) AT CHIEFS	**RAVENS** Birds are old pros about winning playoff games on the road.	**RAVENS** I picked them to go to the Super Bowl, and I'm not going to go back on that now.	**RAVENS** Can you believe the Chiefs finished 11-5? You may not once the Ravens pound them.	**RAVENS** I know the Chiefs were 7-1 at home this season, but I still refuse to believe.
PACKERS (PLUS 2.5) AT EAGLES	**EAGLES** Newsman in me wants to see Vick play the Falcons in Atlanta next week.	**PACKERS** Although I wanted to once, I won't go back on my other preseason Super Bowl pick, either.	**PACKERS** The Pack may be a more dangerous sixth seed than when the Giants won it all in '07.	**PACKERS** Two consecutive losses to end the season and a bunch of injuries for Philly.
SAINTS (MINUS 10.5) AT SEAHAWKS	**SAINTS** But wouldn't it be great if Seattle made a dent in the playoffs after a losing season?	**SEAHAWKS** The Seahawks have actual home-field advantage at Qwest.	**SAINTS** Metro will be a model of efficiency before the Seahawks beat the Saints.	**SAINTS** Home or road makes no difference to the Saints. Hawks' getting a home game is a joke.
OREGON (PLUS 2.5) VS. AUBURN	**OREGON** I've learned to bet against the Heisman winner in the BCS title game.	**OREGON** Auburn hasn't seen anything like the speed Oregon brings to the football field.	**OREGON** Does Nike lose at anything? Ever?? (OK, I also think Oregon has a better defense.)	**AUBURN** I predict a scoring outburst reminiscent of an NBA All-Star game.

Season Tally: Clinton Yates, 47-33; Big Tigger, 38-33; John Domen, 41-31; Matt Swenson 36-29; Dan Steinberg, 34-26; Arnie Applebaum, 33-27

GOING AFTER No. 1

Williams' Terps aim to play giant killer again versus Duke

Terps Hoops

There's no reason Maryland should win in Durham on Sunday.

Duke, the No. 1 team in the country and the reigning national champion, has won 24 consecutive games dating back to last March. Only twice this season have the Blue Devils (10-0, 1-0 ACC) failed to win by a double-digit margin.

Maryland (10-4, 0-1) has lost against four of its five major-conference opponents and nearly lost to the College of Charleston. Its roster can't compare with Duke's in terms of talent or athleticism.

But its coach is a giant killer.

Maryland's Gary Williams has defeated the No. 1 team in the country seven times during his career, the most of any active coach in the country. "We've had some good teams," Williams said. "That's allowed us to play good teams well."

But it's more than that. Players say Williams refuses to allow his players to be intimidated. They are trained not to fear the national powers and not to change their approach to what, at its simplest, is just another basketball game.

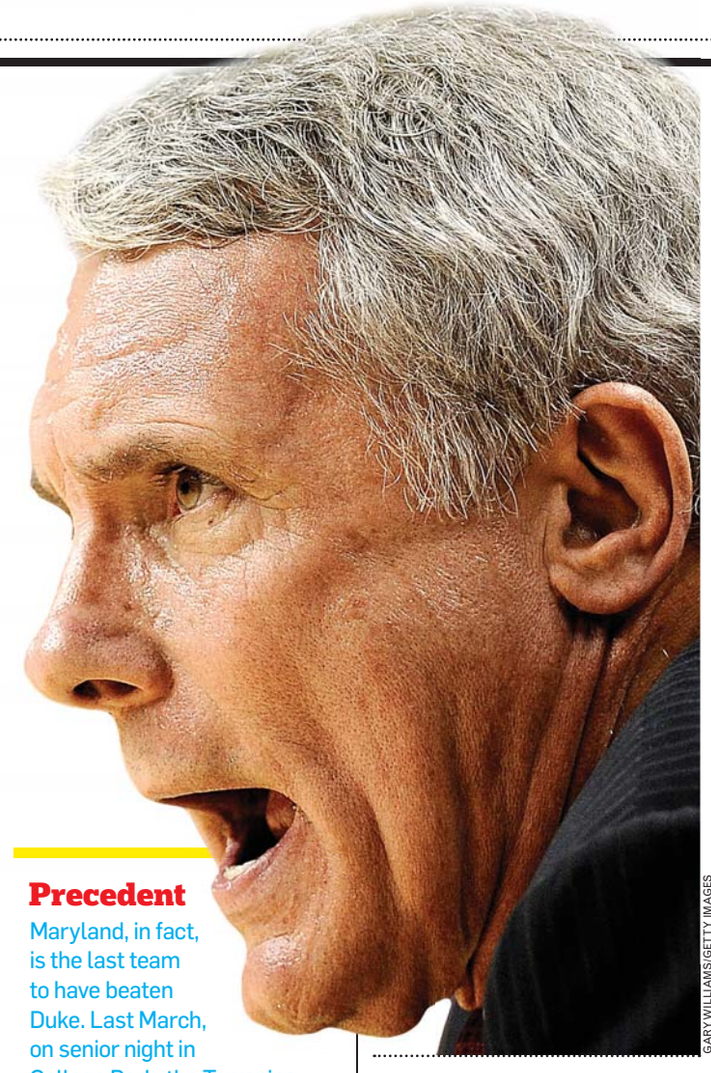
"I don't think you back off," Williams said. "You have to bring your game. If it's good enough, fine. If it's not, at least you went down playing the way that you play. I've always believed in that."

8 P.M. Sunday | CSN

Senior guard Adrian Bowie was part of the last Terrapin team to topple a No. 1 opponent. On Jan. 19, 2008, the Terrapins defeated unbeaten North Carolina in Chapel Hill. A freshman, Bowie played 17 minutes and scored one point that day.

Now he's a starter, experiencing a resurgence after moving from point guard to shooting guard, and his play could be critical if the Terrapins are to pull off another upset.

"From the day after Midnight Madness, we've been preparing for teams like Duke," he said. "Because we want to be one of those teams, we're preparing to beat those teams. And we've got that opportunity." **DEREK TURNER**



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Precedent

Maryland, in fact, is the last team to have beaten Duke. Last March, on senior night in College Park, the Terrapins upset the Blue Devils and positioned themselves to steal a share of the ACC regular season title. Less than a month earlier, in Durham, the Blue Devils beat the Terrapins by 21. **(D.T.)**

Hoyas Seek Rebound From Rough Stretch

11 A.M. Sat. | ESPN2

Hoyas Hoops

A 1-2 record three games into Big East play is not how coach John Thompson III and his team envisioned their status after a 9-0 start to the season.

With a tough three-game stretch behind them, including road losses at Notre Dame and St. John's, Georgetown on Saturday plays West Virginia at home, where it has gone 6-0 this season.

SUSAN WALSH/AP

Georgetown has found it tough going in the Big East, even in a win versus DePaul.

"This league is rough, as anyone understands," Thompson said. "Three games in, it's a long, long season, so you can't get too down even though you're done already, because it's an unforgiving league."

It has been so far. Where Georgetown was incredibly strong, Big East competition attacked those areas. When Big East play began, Georgetown held the No. 1 spot in 3-pointers and field goal percentage. The Fighting Irish held the Hoyas to 35.7 percent scoring in the first half and eventually a season-low 41.8 percent in the Dec. 29 game. St. John's then held Georgetown to 44.4 percent from the floor and only 23.5 percent of their 3s on Monday night

"We are in the toughest basketball conference in the country," Thompson said. "You have to be motivated, prepared and excited every night because every team and coach we play is good. We just got to focus here." **KRYSTINA LUCIDO**

Swengali

Do These Bowl Games Ever End?

By Matt Swenson

Are you ready for some football, and then some more football, and even more football?

With the end of "Monday Night Football" for the season, ESPN and a handful of college football teams sure hope so.

Back in the day — you know, the 1990s — the college game's big day was Jan. 1. Every school envisioned a New Year's Day bowl game as the ideal way to end a season.

In part due to the BCS, the marquee games kept getting pushed further and further back.

This year, the BCS title game is Jan. 10 — not only nine days past New Year's, but a week after the Orange and Sugar bowls. But the bowl season isn't taking a break between the most prestigious of its games.

Back in the day — you know, the 1990s — the college game's big day was Jan. 1.

No siree, Bob! Not when there's the GoDaddy.com Bowl Thursday night, which is not to be outdone by the BBVA Compass Bowl Saturday and Sunday night's Fight Hunger Bowl. Somehow, the Cotton Bowl also got relegated to this nether region.

If your idea of an exciting appetizer for the Oregon-Auburn BCS blockbuster is Boston College playing Nevada, this strange group of blah bowls is great.

But with Oregon in the top game, maybe college football should learn to get all its ducks in a row (get it?).

That means playing the garbage bowls before the BCS bonanza, leaving the stage clear for the biggest games of the year.

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Shannen Doherty

"90210" VET, TOUGH-TALKING AUTHOR

As Brenda Walsh on "Beverly Hills, 90210," Shannen Doherty won fans for her bad-girl rep both on-screen and offscreen. These days, the actress and "Dancing With the Stars" alum has put her tabloid times behind her. In her new book, "Badass: A Hard-Earned Guide to Living Life With Style and (the Right) Attitude" ($26, Clarkson Potter), she details how she became the confident chick she is today.

Why write this book?
Most people have read at least one self-help book. I remember reading a couple and saying, "I can't really relate to these." I thought, "I've made some mistakes and I've learned a lot. Maybe my past mistakes and the way I choose to lead my life now could be helpful."

People might be expecting a tell-all, but you didn't go that route.
Tell-alls, I'm not supportive of. I think that everybody has the right to privacy, and tell-all books are usually told from an incredibly slanted opinion, and it's only one person's opinion. I was taught when I was young that if you don't have anything nice to say, don't say it all, and I like to stick to that as much as I can.

What does living like a badass mean to you?
It means living with integrity, compassion, passion, creativity. It's sort of embracing life and living it to its fullest while being conscious that you're one of millions and millions of people. There has to be an awareness of the ripple effect your actions have on others.

And there's a difference between being a badass and being a bad girl, right?
A bad girl makes the same mistakes over and over again, and doesn't even own up to it. She's always sort of making excuses for herself. Whereas a badass makes a mistake, doesn't make the same mistake twice, and that mistake impacts her. She feels bad and sits there and dissects it to learn a lesson from the mistake, to move on and be a better person for it.

> **"Some people like how I dress; others say I'm not fashionable at all. I couldn't care less."**

Is there anything you know now that you wish you'd known during "90210's" heyday?
It's hard for me to say would I do anything differently. There are so many positives mixed in, and who knows without the negatives how the positives would have been? But I probably would have locked myself in my house more often. I probably shouldn't have married the people I married. I haven't exactly had the best radar for good men.

How does your badass attitude carry over into your wardrobe?
Some people like how I dress; others say I'm not fashionable at all. I couldn't care less. For me, staying classic is really important. I don't want to spend a fortune on clothes. There are so many purses I look at that I love, but the purse I always go back to is my classic black Chanel tote. It never goes out of style, and it looks brand-new, even though it's five or six years old. BETH LUBERECKI

Event Horizon | French Friday

Imported wines taste even sweeter when they're free. Tonight, join Alliance Francaise for a tasting of six regional French variations at Weygandt Wines. If you can't make it, the event repeats on the first Friday of every month. 3519 Connecticut Ave. NW; Fri., 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m., free; 202-362-94ha,63, Francedc.org. (Cleveland Park)

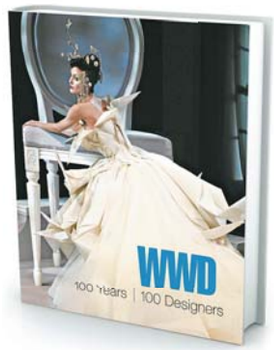
goods lookout

1 WAY Outside the Box

LIKE THE INTREPID ENTREPRENEURS who came before him — the dude who thought to sell sliced bagels in bags and that marketing genius who put lights on toddler shoes — this purveyor of ideas, a scion of visionary decor pitched a tissue ... wait, what IS that? We envision our futurist of home furnishings proclaiming: "It's a tissue box without the box!" Minds are blown. Seas part. Bathrooms and desks become minimalist meccas adorned with CB2's Bridge Tissue Holder ($15, CB2.com).

3 Accept No Substitutes

FLASH ARTISANAL MARKETS don't get you going. Healthy homebodies growing organic greens couldn't make you a locavore. So, what could persuade you to buy locally? Gin. Serving regional spirits says "ain't that American" in a way that shouting "I got my homemade Franzen glasses from the Brooklyn Flea" does not. Try West Virginia's Smooth Ambler Greenbrier gin ($35, Schneider's of Capitol Hill, 300 Massachusetts Ave. NW; 202-543-9300) for sips that taste like home, sweet home.



2 Industrial Strength

BEFORE FASHION MAG legend Issy Blow donned barbed-wire hats or Anna Wintour debuted her signature bob, Women's Wear Daily had the scoop. Starting in 1910, the publication followed garment-industry issues with articles such as "Do Women Want a Tight-Boned Bodice?" Now the daily infodump of choice for today's trendmakers, the trade paper celebrates its first century in the new book "WWD: 100 Years, 100 Designers" ($65, Fairchild), in case you missed a few decades.

Grab Bag

4 Miracle Whip

GOD? ARE YOU THERE? It's me. Eleanora Barclay Smith Barney XI. I'm sending you this personalized thank-you for the miracle you performed on my skin. You see, for the past few decades, I haven't been able to find a foundation that does my complexion justice. But with Lancome's Teint Miracle Foundation ($37, Sephora.com) and its hydrating, light-infusing formula, I have the skin of a Jolie-Pitt baby. Though I must confess, I thought you were too busy. How do you find the time?

5 Avast, Me Preppy!

IF YOU FIND YOURSELF swept away in Vineyard Vines' new Tysons Galleria location (1713G International Drive, McLean, Va.; 703-883-0216), fear not: There's a yacht-like counter for you to cling to. With its nautical just-back-from-the-Cape decor, the new spot sells classic True Prep pieces — crisp Oxford shirts, corduroy pants embroidered with trout — plus Nats ties ($75, below) for those who prefer land sports to seafaring vessels.

Dear Manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOE BLOGGER

I've just moved from the Midwest to Washington to take a job as a junior aide to a newly elected member of Congress. Can you please recommend some comfortable but good-looking work shoes? — MELANIE

Manolo says, every two years it is the same: The new crop of the Congress is harvested in the American heartland and delivered shiny-faced, fresh and eager to the Capitol.

Each one of these civil servants assures us that he or she will "stand

up to the interests of specialness, and do the business of the people," as if they were the reincarnation of Franklin Mahatma Reagan-Washington.

And, every two years, the new group of idealistic aides arrives to lend assistance to these incorruptible men and women. And for the first couple of the months, all goes well.

But then, one evening, the young aide is out with friends at the hidden bar in the Adams Morgan when in walks Mr. Integrity, arm-in-the-arm with the two notorious toxic waste lobbyists, one the tall, square-jawed fellow with the low golf handicap and the pocket full of cash-money campaign contributions, and the other, the very young woman with the impressively well-developed bosom.

Ayyy! It is like catching your boyfriend in the secret assignation!

Happily, there is one thing that will never let you down in this way — shoes. Shoes such as these Cole Haan Carma OT Air Pump ($165, Zappos.com), the lovely and practical comfort shoe with the unlovely name.

Ask the Manolo a question at manolo@shoeblogs.com. Visit the Manolo at shoeblogs.com.

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haute & cold

No, you're not in Vail. With visions of Snowpocalypse haunting District shoppers, dressing for powdery slopes, not slushy sidewalks, seems sane. Retro-glam, '70s-inspired ski wear is edging its way into window displays; Fair Isle sweaters, furry vests (real or faux) and ironic reindeer patterns are all rearing their heads in urban settings. Anna Fuhrman, owner of Proper Topper (1350 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-842-3055) sees the trend exploding: "There's a lot of longer, thicker layers in clothing and even headwear. And we're selling a lot of fur-lined hats." But is ski bunny gear here to stay? "It has such a fun, retro feel," Fuhrman says. "And last year's super-cold winter made everyone look at their wardrobes differently."

TEXT: KATHERINE BOYLE (EXPRESS)
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Cold Pleat
Stay warm in a Lands' End Canvas plaid dress ($80, Landsend.com), Velvet's faux leopard fur jacket ($200, South Moon Under, 2700 Clarendon Blvd., Arlington; 703-807-4083), J.Crew's taupe wool coat ($325, JCrew.com), a hat by Seeberger ($25, Proper Topper), a ring and bangles (both $30, South Moon Under), and faux fur boots by Naughty Monkey ($79, ShoeFly, 2727 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-243-6490).

Chiller Look
Layer with Mak B's brown sweater ($78), 525 America's Fair Isle sweater ($160), It! Jeans ($74, all South Moon Under), earmuffs ($11, Proper Topper), lace-up boots ($99), Jeanne Simmons' gloves ($18), an Art-Deco dove necklace ($22), an elephant ring ($25) and bracelets ($22, all ShoeFly.)

To Have and Too Cold

❶ An understated mauve wool scarf will keep you haute as fire ($30, South Moon Under). ❷ Brace for the chill in a mellow, yellow striped scarf ($39, Proper Topper). ❸ If only Grandma's knitted gifts looked like a Lands' End Canvas Fair Isle pullover ($70, Landsend.com). ❹ Paired with furry boots and a ski jacket, this Thursday Island skirt looks like it's straight out of Park Slope ($128, South Moon Under). ❺ Earflaps warm the head; pom-poms warm the heart ($40, Proper Topper). ❻ Cause lobal warming in San Diego Hat Company's ear-protecting headband ($24, South Moon Under). ❼ Snow might be tolerable from within Gentle Fawn's parka ($180, South Moon Under). ❽ Keep your hands polka hot in warm and fuzzy wool gloves ($58, Proper Topper). ❾ The French are glad to die for gloves ($48, Proper Topper).

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The Reelist

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Beyond Teen Angst

Thanks to SOAPNet and a DVR, I've been watching a lot of old-school "Beverly Hills, 90210" lately. And it's very clear why most of the West Beverly Wildcats never went on to do, well, much of anything (the episodes predate Hilary Swank's role). The actors are all awful, so it's no wonder they, like a lot of teen stars, stopped acting.

By Kristen Page-Kirby

There are exceptions to the teen-burnout rule: Johnny Depp, for one. And Michelle Williams, with her fantastic performance in "Blue Valentine," finally ditches her "Dawson's Creek" alumna label.

Williams was rightfully noticed with an Oscar nom for "Brokeback Mountain," but her performance here is much better. In "Mountain," her character was instantly sympathetic, what with her secretly gay husband. But her "Valentine" character is a deftly drawn woman who is both irritating and understandable. Married to a good guy who will never grow up (Ryan Gosling), she walks a line between knowing what she has is pretty good, while also realizing that it's killing her.

The film is a brutal portrayal of a lot of marriages: Everything that was cute about your spouse now makes you want to stab him/her because, seriously, the hamper is RIGHT THERE, why can't you put the towels RIGHT THERE?

Williams was probably the best actor of the "Creek" crowd, and her performance proves that she's moved beyond any teen drama queen title.

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SONY-SCREEN GEMS/SCOTT GARFIELD/AP

'Country' Weakness

A melodramatic script hinders Paltrow's performance

Film Review

See Gwyneth Paltrow start sobbing onstage in the middle of a song.

See Gwyneth Paltrow have another emotional breakdown in a bathroom stall.

See Gwyneth Paltrow totally lose it again in the shower of an RV after one of her precious bottles of booze gets smashed into tiny shards.

That may be a gross oversimplification of what happens in "Country Strong," the story of a Nashville diva (Paltrow) attempting to relaunch her career after a very public stint in rehab. But it's an accurate description of how it feels to watch this disjointed drama filled with one-dimensional characters and melodrama so Lifetime movie-esque that it careens into unintentional comedy.

Paltrow, underserved by the material at almost every turn, pours every drop of twang and tears she has into the role of Kelly Canter, a country star of the couture-meets-cowboy-boots variety whose drinking problem has led to a disastrous stage fall, a terminated pregnancy, a rupture in her marriage to manager James (Tim McGraw) and that aforementioned decision to seek treatment for alcoholism. But now, at least in her husband's eyes, she's all better and ready to get back on the road for a trio of high-profile comeback dates.

Of course, she ain't goin' nowhere without scruffy-hot singer-songwriter Beau Hutton (Garrett Hedlund), who she, um, befriended in rehab. Meanwhile, James won't put Kelly onstage unless Chiles Stanton ("Gossip Girl's" Leighton Meester), a perky beauty queen who dreams of being the next Carrie Underwood, is an opening act. And with that, the stage is set for soap opera-ish romantic entanglements, jealous spats, the swilling of vodka straight from the bottle and performances of pleasant country tunes that are just generic enough to ensure they'll be completely forgotten until you hear them while waiting to have your teeth cleaned.

"Country Strong"
(PG-13)

- **Director:** Shana Feste
- **Stars:** Gwyneth Paltrow, Tim McCraw, Garrett Hedlund, Leighton Meester, Marshall Chapman
- **In a Nutshell:** A country music star attempts to overcome personal demons and relaunch her career after a public stint in rehab.

Writer-director Shana Feste, who made her major motion picture debut with 2009's loss-of-a-child drama "The Greatest," should have let this be Paltrow's movie. With tighter direction and a stronger script — one that didn't force Paltrow to say things like "I've never lived on a star but it sure looks like fun" — this could have been an unflinchingly honest portrait of how fame and addiction transformed the once brassy "Belle of Bristol, Tennessee" into a fragile bird of a human being, one who, lest you miss the point, actually carries around a fragile baby quail in a box. Instead, it's just a lot of histrionics set to a jangly soundtrack. JEN CHANEY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

REQUISITE ELEMENT OF AUTHENTICITY

While Gwyneth Paltrow needed to prove her mettle as a singer, it wasn't much of a stretch to cast her co-star Tim McGraw, left, in "Country Strong" as Paltrow's husband and manager. But the 43-year-old admits he initially was hesitant to appear in a movie set in the world of country music. "I said 'no' two times," he said. "It wasn't because I didn't like [Shana Feste's] script, because I loved the script." McGraw said he simply avoided doing music-related films, fearing it might be too distracting for audiences. "People go in and they look up and say, 'Oh, it's Tim McGraw — the country singer,'" he says. "Hopefully, I've gotten past that. But being in a film with country music as the backdrop and me trying to play a character [in it], I thought it would be asking too much of the audience to separate the two." (ENTERTAINMENT NEWS WIRE)

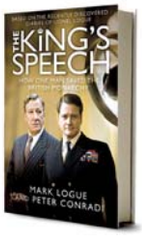
COURTESY MARK LOGUE

Mark Logue researched his grandfather, depicted in "The King's Speech."

King's Speech Therapist

Book Q&A

With awards buzz building for "The King's Speech," it's easy to forget the man behind the story. Lionel Logue, that is. The recent publication of the speech therapist's diaries by his grandson Mark Logue and Peter Conradi in "The King's Speech" ($15, Sterling) sheds more light on Logue's life. Mark Logue discussed his book with Express.



You stumbled upon your grandfather's diaries in your attic. Did you know what was in them?

The contents of the diaries had always been a secret to me. I was always aware and proud of my grandfather's work, but I didn't know much more than the fact that he was the king's speech therapist.

The film shows Logue and the king working as equals. Was their relationship very informal?

[Logue is] quoted in the diaries as needing the king to come to him. For the therapy to work, they needed to work as equals. But the film shows them breaking barriers of etiquette, addressing [the king] by his first name — how much of that actually happened is anyone's guess. KATHERINE BOYLE (EXPRESS)

Unflinching Portrayal

A relationship hits highs and devastating lows in the brutally honest 'Blue Valentine'

Film Review

There's a moment in "Blue Valentine" when its searing drama and spontaneous, vagrant beauty come into devastating focus. Michelle Williams — who plays a wife, mother and medical assistant named Cindy — sits alone in a Poconos hotel room while her husband, Dean (Ryan Gosling), knocks on the door to get in. The camera remains motionless, but the audience's attention zooms in as Cindy's agony plays across her face: Worn down by a claustrophobic marriage and too many dreams deferred, she's a woman shocked to find herself at this particular place at this particular time.

Williams expresses all of that without saying a word, which testifies to the artistry of writer-director Derek Cianfrance, who with "Blue Valentine" makes an astonishing debut.

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Ryan Gosling can't prevent his marriage from hitting rock bottom in "Blue Valentine."

On paper, the film sounds like a downer: a portrait of a marriage unraveling, even as the couple revisits the happier days of their courtship. But Cianfrance is a filmmaker alive to the rough beauty of even the deepest pain. Like John Cassavetes before him, Cianfrance is a director willing to take his actors — and, by extension, the audience — to emotional and even physical extremes. The results can be almost unbearably harrowing but also deeply cathartic, as viewers create their own meanings within Dean and Cindy's downward spiral.

"Blue Valentine" possesses just one awkwardly staged, over-the-top moment, when a character arrives unexpectedly at the other's workplace with explosive results. But that's the only scene that doesn't ring wincingly true.

For a movie dedicated to life's most melancholy moments of loss and self-deception, "Blue Valentine" is an oddly exhilarating experience, if only to witness two of the screen's finest actors working at the top of their game, to the depth of their souls. ANN HORNADAY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

"Blue Valentine" (R)

- **Director:** Derek Cianfrance
- **Stars:** Michelle Williams, Ryan Gosling, Faith Wladyka
- **In a Nutshell:** A couple try to save their crumbling marriage, even as they revisit happier days from the beginning of their courtship.
- **For Fans Of:** "Rabbit Hole," "Closer," "(500) Days of Summer"

An Otherworldly Adventure

The indie 'Alamar' is an engrossing blend of doc and drama

Film Review

It's a cliche that the best movies take you on a journey, but that's precisely what happens in "Alamar" ("To the Sea"), Pedro Gonzalez-Rubio's transporting part-documentary, part-fictional tale of a young boy spending an enchanted summer with his own wild child of a father.

As the film opens, an Italian woman named Roberta explains how she fell in love with and eventually separated from Jorge, with whom she had her son, Natan. (The characters and their relationship to each other are real.) Now 5 years old, Natan will soon move to Rome with his mother. But before they go, Jorge wants to take Natan to the Banco Chinchorro, the pristine coral reef in the Mexican Caribbean where he lives and fishes.

COURTESY FILM MOVEMENT

Living by the water with his dad, 5-year-old Natan grows to appreciate the sea's beauty.

As the boat takes Natan and Jorge to the tiny hut on stilts they'll call home for the next several weeks, Natan is immediately seasick. But once he's ensconced with Jorge, the entrancing rhythms and rituals of life on the reef begin to take hold. With Jorge gently tutoring his son in mending nets, catching lobsters and befriending a wild egret, "Alamar" takes on the seductive sheen of myth, with Natan not just gaining a meaningful relationship with his soon-to-be-distant father, but a deeper feeling for the wonders of the natural world at its richest and simplest.

In fact, "Alamar" is part myth. Although Roberta and Jorge are separated, they don't live as far from each other as the film implies; Gonzalez-Rubio invented the impending move to give his story a more urgent focus. But that fictional overlay does nothing to detract from the mesmerizing, dreamlike environment that the film both captures and creates. ANN HORNADAY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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Nightlife Agenda

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO TONIGHT? BY FRITZ HAHN, RHOME ANDERSON AND DAVID MALITZ

FRIDAY

It will be a study in contrasts as quasi-local bands take to two of the city's biggest stages Friday night. Over at the 9:30 Club, D.C.-turned-L.A. party rockers **THE DANCE PARTY** will do their best to re-create the excess of the '80s, complete with equally heavy doses of drinking and keyboards as they take the stage in support of their major label debut album, "Touch." It's truth in advertising when it comes to the band's name: The floor will be packed with sweaty, moving bodies (815 V St. NW; 8 p.m., $15; 202-265-0930).

Expect a more low-key affair a few blocks away at the Black Cat when **OLIVIA MANCINI**, another former local, takes the stage to play her agreeable and bouncy indie-pop. Charlottesville's **BIRDLIPS** opens (1811 14th St. NW; 9 p.m., $10; 202-667-7960).

Over at Comet Ping-Pong, power-pop royalty **PAUL COLLINS** makes his third return to the area in less than five months, but anybody who caught his first two gigs won't complain (5037 Connecticut Ave. NW; 10:30 p.m., $10; 202-364-0404).

PAUL HARING

Members of Scythian, above, join Cake for Dinner in a kids' show at Millennium Stage.

SATURDAY

Jan. 6 is the Epiphany, or Three Kings Day, a religious holiday that's celebrated in Mexico and many Latin American countries. The Latin VIP group, which hosts lively parties and cultural events for young Hispanic professionals, is throwing its own **THREE KINGS DAY CELEBRATION** at Lupe Cantina (1214A 18th St. NW; 202-785-9525). There will be DJs and dancing — guests are invited to bring small instruments to play along — plus drink specials, including $3 shooters and $4 beers, and food until midnight.

Before their magical Kicks party appeared at the Black Cat in all its David Bowie-to-the-Ramones-to-Jesus and Mary Chain'd glory, DJs Kim and Sara hosted a night called **POW WOW** at the now-closed Felix and Spy Lounge. Pow Wow was a little more eclectic — more girl groups and pop songs in addition to post-punk and glam rock, we think. We suppose we'll find out this Saturday, when Pow Wow takes over DC9 (1940 Ninth St. NW; 202-483-5000) from 9 p.m. to close. There's no cover, so you have nothing to lose.

SUNDAY

Fans of Irish music should be well acquainted with **SCYTHIAN**, classically trained musicians who have graduated from engaging, audience-participation-required pub gigs at Fado to headlining national festivals and the 9:30 Club. For their next project, though, singers (and siblings) Dan and Alex Fedoryka are trading in the crowd-pleasing drinking games for tunes about stealing cookies before dinner. They're joined by sisters Larissa and Melanie in a group called **CAKE FOR DINNER**, which makes Irish- and Ukrainian-inspired folk music for the kiddie set. Cake for Dinner headlines the Target Family Night at the Millennium Stage (2700 F St. NW; 6 p.m., free; 202-467-4600).

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BLACK SWAN (R, 103 minutes) In the role of Nina Sayers, Natalie Portman delivers a bravura performance as a dancer with a New York dance company. The troupe's artistic director, Thomas Leroy (Vincent Cassel), taps her to star in a production of "Swan Lake." Her technical brilliance and tentative innocence make her perfect for the White Swan, but he's less sure she can pull off the ruthlessness and sensuality of her evil twin, the Black Swan. Perhaps Lily (Mila Kunis), an uninhibited, wild-eyed newcomer to the company, would be better suited to the role. **A.H.**

CASINO JACK (R, 108 minutes) George Hickenlooper's film is neither as factual as Alex Gibney's nonfiction film on the same subject, "Casino Jack and the United States of Money," nor as pedal-to-the-metal nuts as the source material would suggest it could be. But there's a bigger problem than the film's inability to strike the right tone or audience fatigue resulting from the sense that this is merely a rehash of a well-worn scandal. Kevin Spacey's portrayal of Jack Abramoff gets at the man's contradictions — his ostensibly devout Jewish faith next to an almost sociopathic blindness to his misdeeds — but it never even partly explains them. **M.O.**

THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: THE VOYAGE OF THE DAWN TREADER (PG, 112 minutes) The latest Narnia adventure focuses on the youngest two of the four Pevensies: Lucy (Georgie Henley) and Edmund (Skandar Keynes). While visiting their bratty cousin Eustace (Will Poulter), Lucy and Edmund, along with Eustace, are swept away when the waves in a framed painting of the ocean inundate their bedroom with a cascade of splashing seawater. The three find themselves on board the Dawn Treader, a ship under the command of Prince Caspian (Ben Barnes). So, where is the Dawn Treader heading? And why have Lucy and Edmund been called back? **M.O.**

THE FIGHTER (R, 115 minutes) In the 1970s, welterweight boxer Dicky Eklund, known as the "Pride of Lowell," made local history in that working-class Massachusetts city by sending Sugar Ray Leonard to the mat. Later, lost in a vortex of drug addiction and running petty hustles, Dicky trained his half-brother Micky Ward, eventually to a world welterweight championship. The title character of "The Fighter" might be Micky — played here in a straight-up, stalwart, hugely sympathetic performance by Mark Wahlberg. But it could just as easily pertain to the hardscrabble Dicky, especially as he's channeled by Christian Bale. **A.H.**

GULLIVER'S TRAVELS (PG, 85 minutes) Imagine a contemporary update of "Gulliver's Travels" in which the titular hero — an unambitious pop-culture addict played by Jack Black — finds himself in a Lilliput whose pinkie-size denizens are only too willing to place themselves at his beck and call. In this unnecessary and unfunny reimagining of the classic satire by Jonathan Swift, Lemuel Gulliver (Black) finds himself on the aforementioned island of tiny people while researching a travel article on the Bermuda Triangle. After extinguishing a raging fire by urinating on it, he's quickly declared a hero. Then, "Gulliver's Travels" turns to the tried-and-true story line of loser-guy-gets-hot-girl. **M.O.**

HOW DO YOU KNOW (PG-13, 116 minutes) With "How Do You Know," writer-director James L. Brooks presents viewers with yet another edgy, self-conscious heroine, the kind of "difficult" woman he has made a career of gently lampooning and slyly

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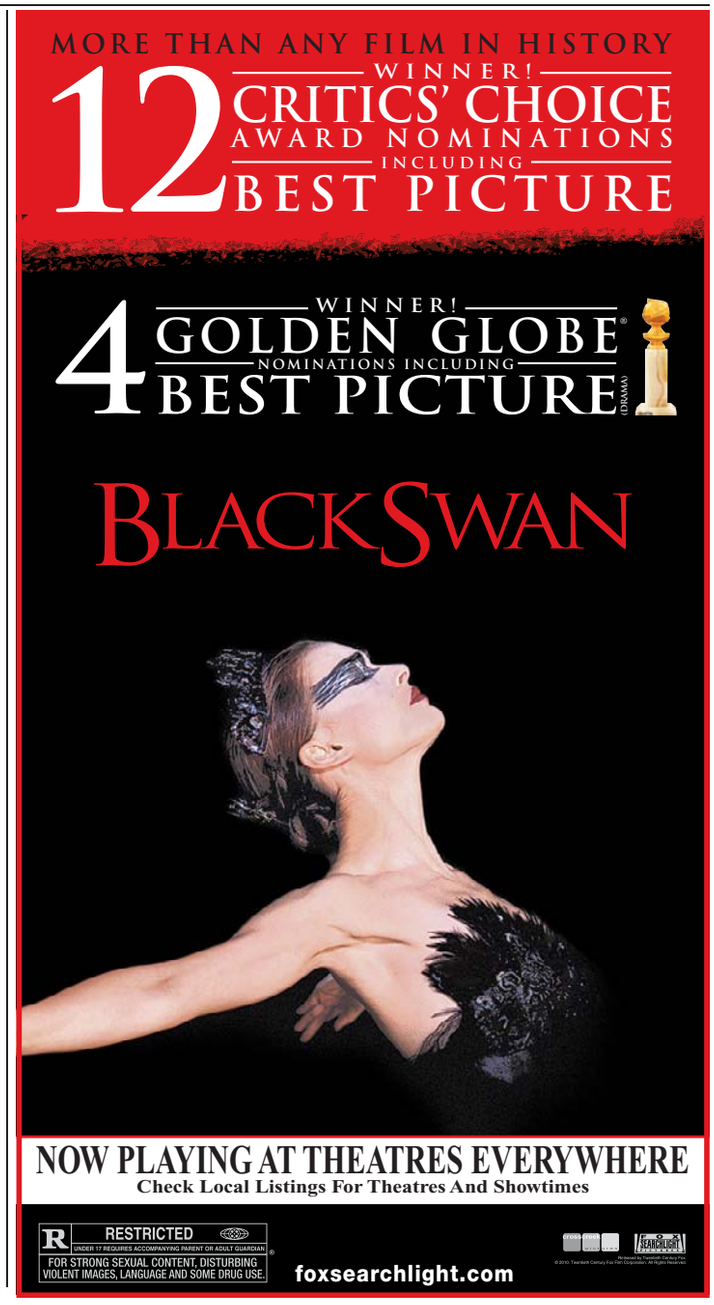
Kevin Spacey, left, and Kelly Preston play Jack and Pam Abramoff in "Casino Jack."



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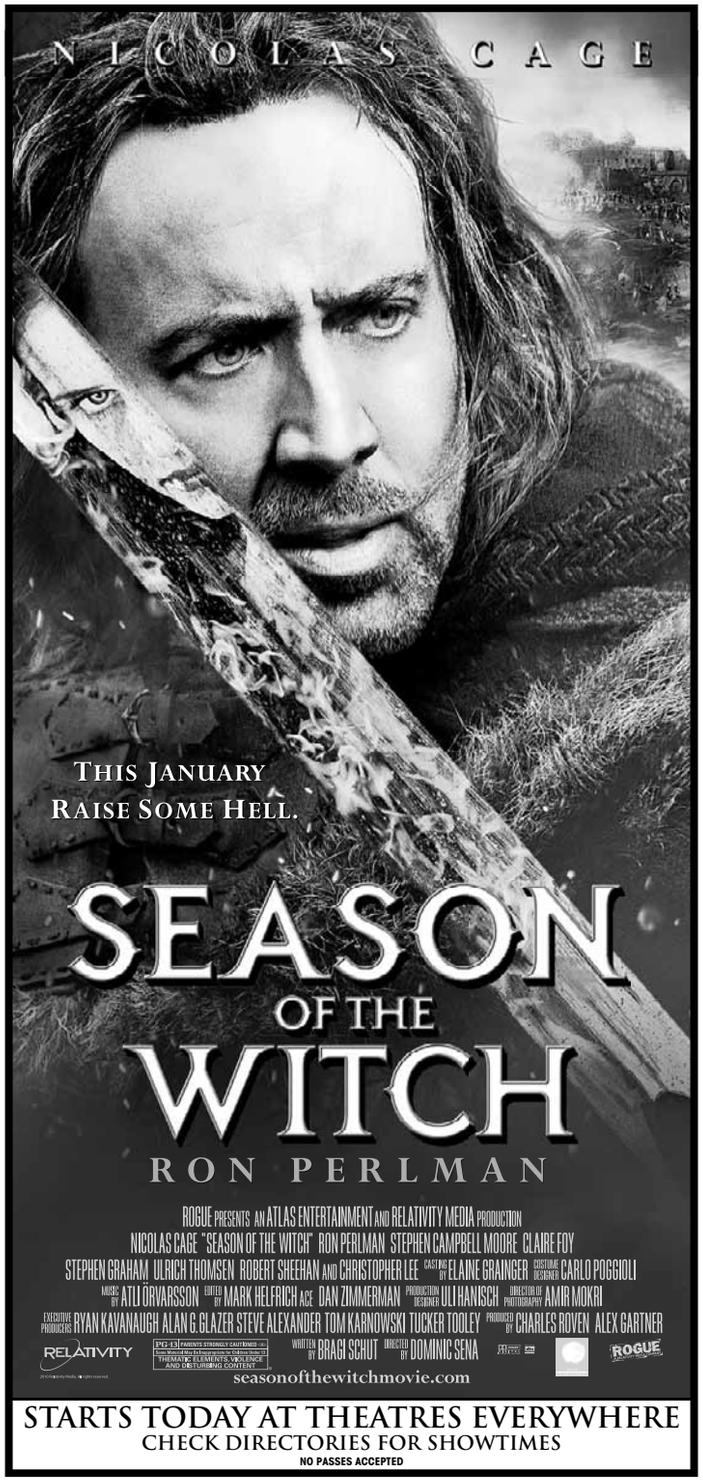
championing. Here, that's Lisa (Reese Witherspoon), a professional softball player who, as the movie opens, is in the process of getting cut from her team. On second thought, Lisa really isn't the typical Brooks heroine here; that title belongs to George (Paul Rudd), a financial executive who, as Lisa is getting axed, finds out he's being indicted for securities fraud. While George convinces himself he has fallen in love with Lisa, she pursues a romance with baseball star Matty (Owen Wilson). **A.H.**

THE KING'S SPEECH (R, 118 minutes) There's nothing not to love about Tom Hooper's classy historical drama, which tells the story of how Britain's King George VI (Colin Firth) overcame a debilitating stutter and went on to lead the country through World War II. Although Bertie, as he was known to his family, had no intention of assuming the throne, he found himself wearing the crown when his brother, King Edward VIII (Guy Pearce), abdicated to marry Wallis Simpson. Painfully shy and reticent to the point of paralysis, Bertie freezes up every time he approaches a microphone. It's a situation that Bertie's wife, Elizabeth (Helena Bonham Carter), realizes just won't do. **A.H.**

LITTLE FOCKERS (PG-13, 98 minutes) How bad is the third installment of the "Meet the Parents" franchise? So bad it makes the perfectly ordinary "Meet



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the Fockers" look Oscar-worthy. The reservoir Ben Stiller and Robert De Niro previously dipped into when hoping to replenish their 10-year-old franchise has run dry. What remains, once the bottom of the creative barrel has been scraped, are awkward rectal-examination jokes, random celebrity cameos meant to distract from the sitcom-level scripting and hackneyed relationship quarrels that were addressed in the first two films. That's right, Gaylord Focker (Stiller) still can't catch a break with his skeptical father-in-law, Jack Byrnes (De Niro). **SEAN O'CONNELL**

I LOVE YOU PHILLIP MORRIS (R, 98 minutes) Jim Carrey plays Steven Russell, a married, churchgoing good ol' boy who, after a near-fatal car accident, comes out of the closet as a gay man, turning to brazen scams to support his newly fabulous lifestyle. After he's caught and sent to prison, he meets and falls in love with fellow convict Phillip Morris (Ewan McGregor). Though it all sounds like a recipe for disaster, the movie is actually surprisingly sweet. Yes, there is a real Phillip Morris (no relation to the tobacco company). There's also a real Steven Russell. He's currently serving a 144-year sentence in a Texas penitentiary. **M.O.**

RABBIT HOLE (PG-13, 92 minutes) How do you recover from the death of a child? The movie "Rabbit Hole" eloquently posits the only correct answer to that question: You don't. "Rabbit Hole" focuses on a grieving couple eight months after their young son was killed by a car while chasing his dog into the street. In Nicole Kidman and Aaron Eckhart, director John Cameron Mitchell has found actors who gracefully pull off that psychological high-wire act as Becca and Howie, a couple who have reached the point in their mourning where most of their friends and neighbors think it's time to be moving on. **A.H.**

SOMEWHERE (R, 98 minutes) Sofia Coppola turns her observant, forgiving eye to Hollywood stardom in all its narcissism, pampered decadence and jaded anomie. The opening shot serves both as tone-setter and leitmotif, as a high-end sports car goes around and around a dusty track. The driver is Johnny Marco (Stephen Dorff), an actor who has little else to do but drive, take calls from his publicist and pay pole dancers to provide private entertainment. The only interruption to Johnny's pursuits arrives by way of his 11-year-old daughter, Cleo (Elle Fanning), who visits him on weekends. Johnny gets more than he bargained for when suddenly Cleo's mother announces he'll have to keep her longer than a few days. **A.H.**

TRUE GRIT (PG-13, 109 minutes) The writer-directors Joel and Ethan Coen remake the 1969 western that earned John Wayne his only Oscar. Hailee Steinfeld makes an uncommonly assured debut as the invincible Mattie Ross, whose father has been shot by a man named Tom Chaney (Josh Brolin). Mattie arrives in Fort Smith, Ark., to claim her father's body, acquire cash by way of some canny horse-trading and avenge her father's death by hunting Chaney down and seeing him hang. She enlists U.S. Marshal Rooster Cogburn (Jeff Bridges) to go into Indian territory and bring in Chaney. **A.H.**

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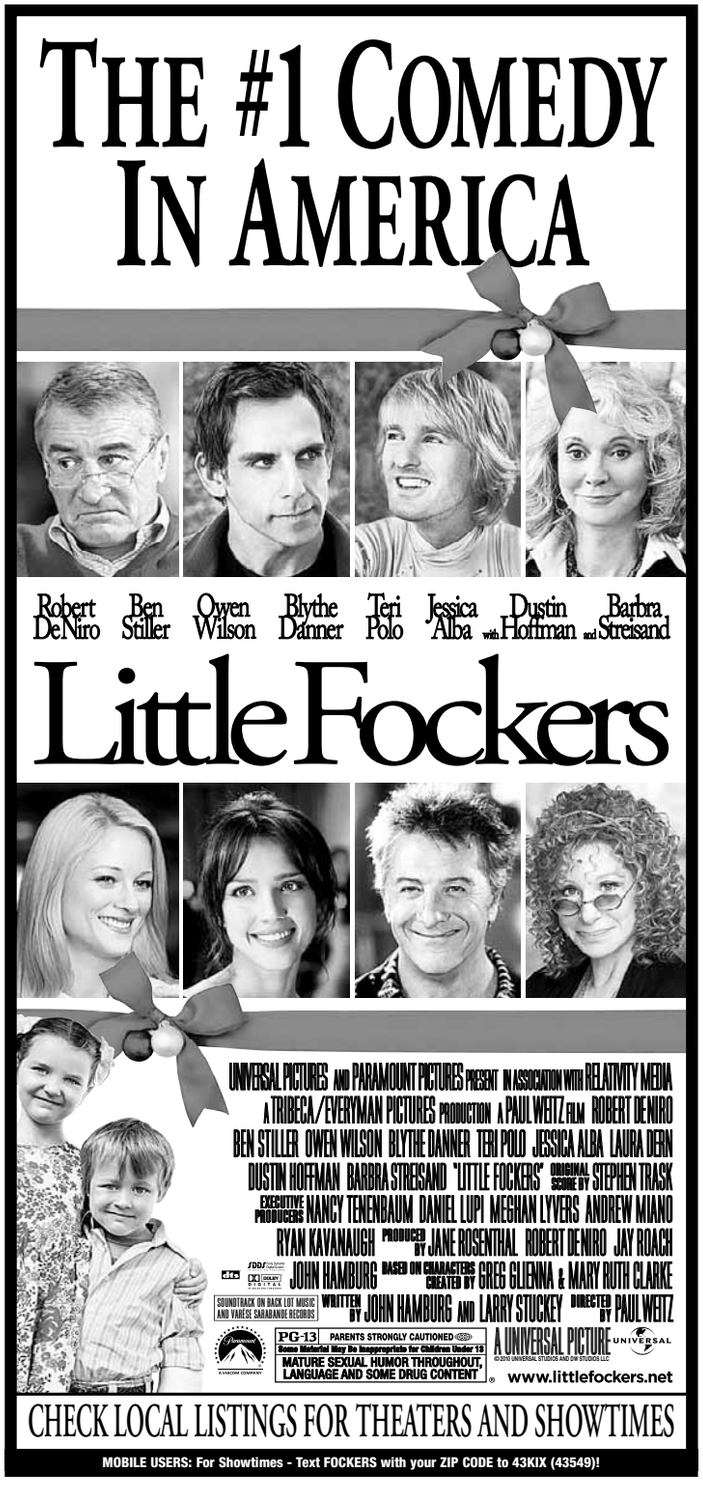
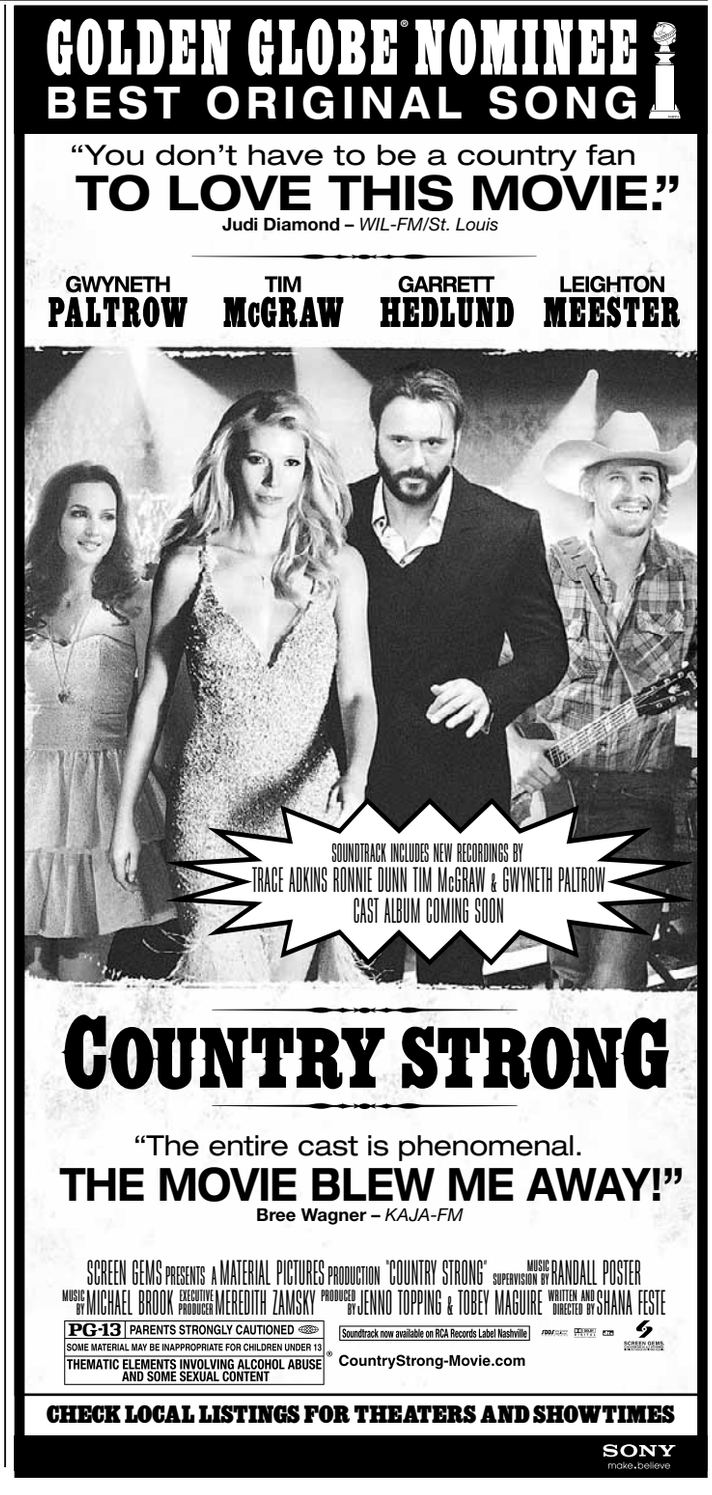
Harvey Keitel plays a conniving contractor in the comedy "Little Fockers."





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NICOLE GELDART

1 Free for All

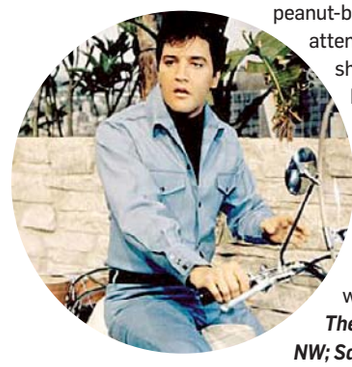
"Cymbeline" isn't one of the Bard's best-known plays. It's one of the later works, a tangle of love and mistaken identities — and, yes, that describes all of Shakespeare's comedies, we know. You can get a behind-the-scenes preview of the production starring Mark Bedard, far left, and Gretchen Hall at a free open rehearsal this weekend. ***Shakespeare Theater, 450 7th St. NW; Sun., 3 and 4:20 p.m.; 202-547-1122. (Gallery Place)***

2 Stuck On You

The Sklar brothers aren't conjoined twins — though we were confused about that after seeing their performance on "Grey's Anatomy," but it turns out they were doing something called "acting" — but they ARE twins, and, more importantly, they're really funny. ***D.C. Jewish Community Center, Aaron & Cecile Goldman Theater, 1529 16th St. NW; Sat., 8 p.m., $20 or $15 in advance; 202-518-9400. (Dupont Circle)***

3 Hail to the King

Try this one on: To celebrate Elvis' birthday this weekend, instead of ordering your usual peanut-butter-and-banana cake, attend a burlesque boxing show! Five rounds of Elvis Fight Club, interspersed with burlesque entertainment — and an Elvis trivia competition! For which the peanut-butter-and-banana thing was a clue, so you're welcome. ***Warehouse Theater, 645 New York Ave. NW; Sat., 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., $20 or $15 in advance; 202-321-2878. (Mt. Vernon Square)***



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The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader in Digital 3D (PG) RealD 3D: 1:50-4:35-7:25-10:25
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Tron: Legacy in Disney Digital 3D (PG) RealD 3D: 1:00-4:10-7:15

AMC Mazza Gallerie
5300 Wisconsin Ave. NW www.AMCTheatres.com

Yogi Bear 3D (PG) RealD 3D: 2:15-4:40-7:00-9:10
How Do You Know (PG-13) Club Cinema-Over 21: 2:00-4:45-7:40-10:30
The Tourist (PG-13) Club Cinema-Over 21: 2:50-5:20-7:50-10:20
The Fighter (R) AMC INDEPENDENT: 2:20-5:10-8:00-10:40
The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader (PG) 1:50-4:30-7:10-10:00
Little Fockers (PG-13) 2:30-5:00-7:20-9:50
True Grit (PG-13) 2:10-4:50-7:30-10:10

Avalon
5612 Connecticut Avenue www.theavalon.org

True Grit (PG-13) 12:15-2:45-5:15-8:00
Casino Jack (R) 1:00-3:30-6:00-8:30

Landmark E Street Cinema
555 11th St. NW www.landmarktheatres.com

Blue Valentine (R) 12:30-1:30-3:00-4:00-5:30-7:00-8:00-9:50-10:45-12:00
The Thing (1982) (R) 12:00AM
I Love You Phillip Morris (R) 12:10-2:40-5:10-7:40-9:55
The King's Speech (R) 12:45-2:15-3:45-5:15-6:45-8:15-9:30-11:00
Casino Jack (R) 1:15-7:00-11:45
Black Swan (R) 12:15-1:45-3:00-4:30-5:45-7:15-8:30-9:45-11:00
127 Hours (R) 4:15-9:40

Regal Gallery Place Stadium 14
707 Seventh Street NW www.regalcinemas.com

Little Fockers (PG-13) Digital Projection: 12:50-3:35-6:30-9:00-11:30
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The Tourist (PG-13) 1:00-4:15-7:05-9:45-12:25
The Fighter (R) 12:10-2:50-5:30-8:10-10:45
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 1 (PG-13) 12:05-3:25-6:40-9:55
Little Fockers (PG-13) OC/DA: 12:00
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How Do You Know (PG-13) 7:25-10:20
Little Fockers (PG-13) 2:25-4:45-7:20-9:45-12:10
Love and Other Drugs (R) 8:05-10:40
Tangled (PG) 12:05-2:25-4:55
True Grit (PG-13) 12:00-2:35-5:10-7:50-10:35
Country Strong (PG-13) 1:00-4:00-7:00-9:50-12:30

MARYLAND

AFI Silver Theatre Cultural Center
8633 Colesville Road www.afi.com/silver

Black Swan (R) 12:30-2:45-5:00-7:15-9:30
I Love You Phillip Morris (R) 12:25-2:30-4:45-7:00-9:20
127 Hours (R) 1:20-3:20-5:20-7:25-9:40

AMC Loews Center Park 8
4001 Powder Mill Rd. www.AMCTheatres.com

The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader (PG) CC-Closed Captions: 11:05-1:50-4:30-7:10-10:00
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True Grit (PG-13) 10:50-1:35-4:20-7:05-9:55
Tangled (PG) 11:20-2:05
Yogi Bear (PG) 10:15-12:50-2:55-5:30-7:45-10:15

AMC Loews White Flint 5
11301 Rockville Pike www.AMCTheatres.com

Black Swan (R) AMC INDEPENDENT: 1:55-4:45-7:30-10:05
Tron: Legacy (PG) 1:15-4:10-7:15-10:20
Little Fockers (PG-13) 2:10-5:00-7:45-10:30
How Do You Know (PG-13) 1:00-4:00-6:50-9:35
True Grit (PG-13) 1:35-4:25-7:00-9:50

AMC Magic Johnson Capital Center 12
800 Shoppers Way www.AMCTheatres.com

Yogi Bear 3D (PG) RealD 3D: 12:20-2:40-5:00-7:20-9:40
Tron: Legacy in Disney Digital 3D (PG) RealD 3D: 10:30-1:20-4:35-7:40-10:40
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Tron: Legacy (PG) 12:35-3:40-6:45-9:50
Unstoppable (PG-13) 6:20-9:00
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Tangled (PG) 10:40-1:15-3:50-6:30-9:05
Yogi Bear (PG) 11:10-1:30-4:00

Landmark Bethesda Row Cinema
7235 Woodmont Avenue www.landmarktheatres.com

Blue Valentine (R) (!) 1:45-4:45-7:30-10:00
Somewhere (R) 2:10-4:40-7:10-9:30
The King's Speech (R) 1:00-2:00-4:00-5:00-6:00-7:00-8:00-9:45
Made in Dagenham (R) 1:30-4:15-7:15-9:55
Black Swan (R) 2:05-3:30-4:35-7:25-9:00-10:05
Rabbit Hole (PG-13) 2:20-4:55-7:20-9:50

Regal Bethesda 10
7272 Wisconsin Avenue www.regalcinemas.com

Yogi Bear 3D (PG) RealD 3D: (!) 1:30-3:50-6:50-9:00
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The Fighter (R) 2:20-5:00-7:50-10:30
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How Do You Know (PG-13) 10:20
True Grit (PG-13) 2:00-4:40-7:40-10:15
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Regal Hyattsville Royale Stadium 14
6505 America Blvd.

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Tangled (PG) 1:35-3:55-7:10-9:35
Yogi Bear (PG) 1:20-3:50

Regal Majestic 20
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Little Fockers (PG-13) Digital Projection: 2:45-5:15-7:50-10:30
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Tron: Legacy in Disney Digital 3D (PG) RealD 3D: (!) 3:10-6:05-8:50-11:35
Tron Legacy: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) IMAX: (!) 1:15-4:00-7:00-9:45
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The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader (PG) 1:05-3:55
Megamind (PG) 2:15-4:50
How Do You Know (PG-13) 7:35-10:35
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The King's Speech (R) 2:40-5:25-8:10-11:00
Yogi Bear (PG) 3:00-5:20-7:25
Country Strong (PG-13) 12:45-3:30-6:10-9:00-11:40

VIRGINIA

AMC Courthouse Plaza 8
2150 Clarendon Blvd. www.AMCTheatres.com

Country Strong (PG-13) AMC INDEPENDENT: (!) 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:15
Black Swan (R) AMC INDEPENDENT: 1:45-4:45-7:30-10:00
Gulliver's Travels 3D (PG) RealD 3D: 12:20-2:45-5:15-7:40-9:50
The Fighter (R) AMC INDEPENDENT: 12:40-2:15-3:30-5:00-6:30-7:45-9:20-10:25
How Do You Know (PG-13) 12:15-1:00-3:15-4:00-6:15-7:20-9:15-10:10
Tangled (PG) 1:50-4:30-7:00-9:30

AMC Hoffman Center 22
206 Swamp Fox Rd. www.AMCTheatres.com

Tangled in Disney Digital 3D (PG) RealD 3D: 11:00-1:35-4:10-6:45-9:25-11:55
Little Fockers (PG-13) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video: 12:20-2:55-5:25-8:00-10:40
Yogi Bear 3D (PG) RealD 3D: 11:10-1:30-3:50-6:05-8:25-10:45
Tron: Legacy in Disney Digital 3D (PG) RealD 3D: 10:50-1:55-5:00-8:10-11:10
Tron Legacy: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) IMAX 3D: 12:55-4:00-7:10-10:20
The King's Speech (R) AMC INDEPENDENT: (!) 10:25-1:10-4:05-7:00-10:00
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How Do You Know (PG-13) 11:50-2:45-5:40-8:40-11:35
The Social Network (PG-13) 9:20
True Grit (PG-13) 11:15-2:05-3:35-4:55-6:25-7:45-9:15-10:35-12:05
Yogi Bear (PG) 12:10-2:30

Alexandria Old Town Theater
815 1/2 King St http://tickets.oldtowntheater.com/

True Grit (PG-13) 2:00-4:30-7:15-10:00
The Fighter (R) 2:30-5:00-7:30-10:00

Arlington Cinema 'N' Drafthouse
2903 Columbia Pike http://www.arlingtondrafthouse.com/

The Social Network (PG-13) 7:00

Regal Ballston Common 12
671 N. Glebe Road www.regalcinemas.com

Yogi Bear 3D (PG) RealD 3D: (!) 2:10-4:40-7:00-9:30
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Yogi Bear (PG) 2:50-5:10

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Black Swan (R) 1:30-4:10-7:05-9:45

Regal Potomac Yard 16
3575 Jefferson Davis Highway www.regalcinemas.com

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Tangled (PG) 1:25-4:05-6:50-9:25
Yogi Bear (PG) 2:15-4:35

TV weekend lookout

New High-Flying Hero

A cop transforms into a caped crusader in a new NBC drama

Premiere

SUN 9:00

So far this season, NBC failed to find viewers for "Outlaw" and "Undercovers," two over-the-top dramas. Will viewers warm to the new comic book adventure series "The Cape"? It blends the near silliness of the old "Batman" TV series with the darker themes of the more recent "Dark Knight" gothic sagas.

The crisp, economical pilot offers heaps of character explanation and background. A good cop, Vince Faraday (David Lyons), is forced to assume the identity of his son's favorite comic character after he is set up and betrayed by the tycoon Peter Fleming (James Frain), the head of an evil privatized police force posing as the city's savior. Vince/The Cape is aided by a mysterious blogger, Orwell (Summer Glau), who appears to know all of the city's secrets.

JUSTIN LUBIN/NBC

David Lyons dons superhero garb to defend his city in NBC's drama "The Cape."

Vince's transformation from cop to caped crusader is aided by Max Malini (Keith David), the ringleader of a circus gang of bank robbers. Their carnival of crime offers a dollop of camp in "The Cape's" bleak landscape. Max also teaches Vince a lifetime of tricks and illusions in the space of a single montage.

We know Vince is driven by his desire to reunite with his wife and son, but his longing for them provides "The Cape" with some of its few maudlin moments and inspires some of its sappier soundtrack selections. But on balance, "The Cape" is a winner. A strong supporting cast, good villains and dynamic comic book plotting make "The Cape" a welcome dose of escapist fun. **KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)**

Best Bets

FRI 10:00

Your Own Show (OWN) If TV teaches us anything, it's that the whole point of appearing on TV is to appear on TV again. "Your Own Show" showcases 10 contestants, including Zach Anner, left, hoping to earn their own series. Nancy O'Dell and Carson Kressley host.

FRI 10:00

Merlin (SYFY) As Season 3 begins, it's been a year since Morgana went missing, but she is finally found wandering in the woods. Morgana wants to put her past behind her and become Merlin's friend again, but Merlin does not fall for her ploy.

SUN 8:30

Bob's Burgers (FOX) A family-run hamburger joint in a seaside town is the setting for this new animated series. In the premiere, Bob's younger daughter, Louise, starts a rumor during show and tell at school, which leads the health inspector to pay a visit to the burger stand.

SUN 9:00

Californication (SHO) Hank is bailed out of jail and is stunned to find that his literary sex scandal has transformed him into the toast of Tinseltown — and the target of a lawsuit. **(TRIBUNE MEDIA)**

Premiere

The Return Of Joey (Sort Of)

Matt LeBlanc returns as himself in "Episodes" (9:30 p.m., Sun., Showtime), a light, slightly addictive and entirely effervescent comedy about two British TV producers (Stephen Mangan and Tamsin Greig) stranded in Hollywood while trying to adapt their hit British sitcom for an impossible producer who insists on replacing an esteemed London stage actor with "Joey" from "Friends." Befitting a comedy about a Hollywood-London culture clash, it's co-produced by Showtime and the BBC. **(U.F.S.)**

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Yesterday's Results

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"Utterly absurd to deface an American classic novel. Perhaps someone should take the N-word out of Haley's 'Roots' or Ellison's 'Invisible Man.' Erasing the word won't erase the past. The only way to move beyond the past is to face it."

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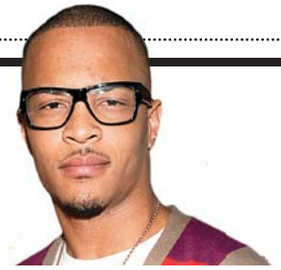

"We knew that neither T.I. nor Tiny were all that bright, but the level of stupidity between these two is truly shocking."

—**MEDIATAKEOUT.COM** IS STUNNED THAT THE RAPPER'S WIFE WAS CAUGHT WITH HER HANDS NOT IN PLAIN VIEW DURING A VISIT AT THE ARKANSAS STATE PRISON, WHERE HE IS INCARCERATED.

Blog Log

"Just goes to show that life imitates Marvel Comics: You can't have two superheroes in the same city without a fight breaking out over a misunderstanding."

—**SLOG.THESTRANGER.COM** IS AMUSED BY THE FACT THAT TWO REAL-LIFE VIGILANTE CRIME-FIGHTERS IN SEATTLE, MR. RAVENBLADE AND PHOENIX JONES, ARE OPENLY FEUDING IN THE BLOGOSPHERE.

"The Week of Relevance continues for 'How I Met Your Mother': First the show had the streets talking with [a] crazy plot twist, and now they go and land the second biggest currently active pop star alive for a cameo. ... Either way: This is stunt casting done right."

—**VULTURE.COM** IS IMPRESSED WITH THE BUZZ THE CBS SITCOM HAS CREATED RECENTLY BY SIGNING UP KATY PERRY TO PLAY A LOVE INTEREST FOR THE CHARACTER TED.

Volunteer in Rockville...

The Rockville Vaccine Assessment Clinic (RVAC) needs volunteers for a global investigational HIV vaccine research study. To participate you must be:

- Between the ages of 18 and 49
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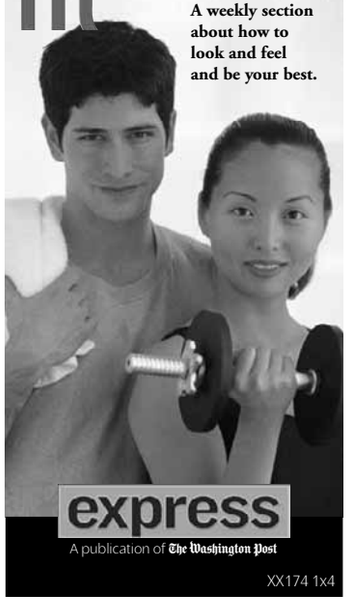

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Horoscope

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A new idea is brought to light, and you will respond most favorably, knowing that you and others will benefit from its evolution.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Don't let someone's overreaction to a misunderstanding come between two friends. Your intervention can do a world of good.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) One development after another has you wondering what's next, and you'll remain somewhat at sea until a contradiction is resolved.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You're likely to wake with some conflicting feelings, but don't spend too much time sorting them out, as there is much to be done.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You may stumble upon one or two answers for which you hadn't yet posed the questions — and as a result you'll have the advantage over another.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) That which usually comes naturally may actually prove difficult to do. You may be experiencing certain key emotional shifts.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A confession of sorts is offered up, but only a portion of the wrong that was done is mended. Only you can restore harmony.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A falsehood comes to light that would have had you acting against your better judgment; fortunately, it is revealed in the nick of time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) After righting a minor wrong, you'll be able to take advantage of an unexpected opportunity that arises before nightfall.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Priorities must be maintained, or you are not likely to progress as planned. The order of things must be respected.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) The more open-minded you look upon the doings of others, the more likely you will be to excel in the things you do as well.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Those with whom you enjoy the closest friendship can make things work out for you where a solo venture might fall somewhat short.

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Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 90-100, BEST SCORE 188

								RACK 1
E1	O1	T1	T1	N1	R1	P3		
								RACK 2
A1	E1	U1	P3	N1	L1	G2	4th Letter Double	
								RACK 3
O1	O1	F4	F4	H4	S1	W4	Triple Word Score	
								RACK 4
E1	E1	Y4	T1	M3	S1	S1		

Yesterday's Solution

O1	U1	T1	B3	A1	K5	E1	RACK 1 =	65
D2	E1	D2	U1	C3	E1		RACK 2 =	10
P3	R1	O1	M3	P3	T1		RACK 3 =	12
B3	I1	V4	O1	U1	A1	C3	RACK 4 =	78
PAR SCORE 100-110							TOTAL	165

FOUR RACK TOTAL

Make a 2-7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get a 50-point bonus. Blank tiles used as any letter have no point value. Scrabble is a trademark of Hasbro in the U.S. and Canada.

Sudoku

DIFFICULT

	5						2	
9		1				5		6
			2		9			
3				9				1
	9	6		2		8	3	
8				7				4
			1		7			
2		4				7		3
	3						9	

Yesterday's Solution

7	5	6	4	8	3	1	2	9
9	3	2	7	6	1	5	4	8
4	8	1	9	5	2	3	7	6
1	6	9	3	4	7	2	8	5
8	4	3	6	2	5	7	9	1
2	7	5	8	1	9	4	6	3
3	2	4	5	9	8	6	1	7
6	9	7	1	3	4	8	5	2
5	1	8	2	7	6	9	3	4

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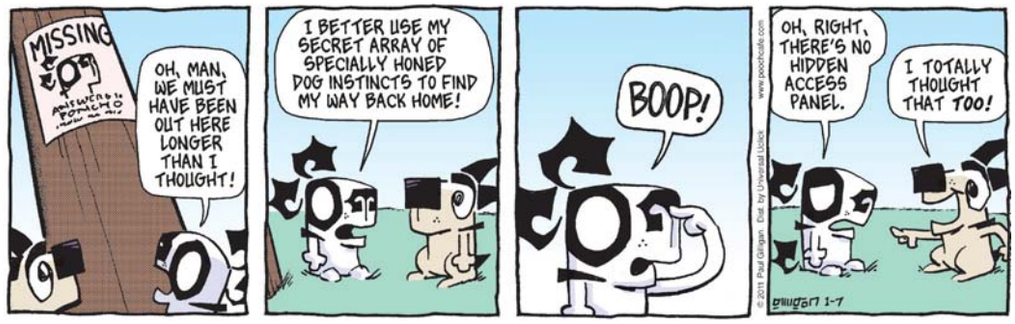

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Forecast

38 | 23

Today: A couple of snow showers this morning. Partly cloudy tonight.

35 | 22

Tomorrow: Cold tomorrow with a couple of flurries. Clear tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead

SUN	MON	TUE
37 | 24	38 | 26	36 | 28

Sun and Moon
Sunrise today: 7:27 a.m.
Sunset today: 5:02 p.m.
Moonrise today: 9:12 a.m.
Moonset today: 8:34 p.m.

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Normal high: 43
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Record low: 2

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Crossword

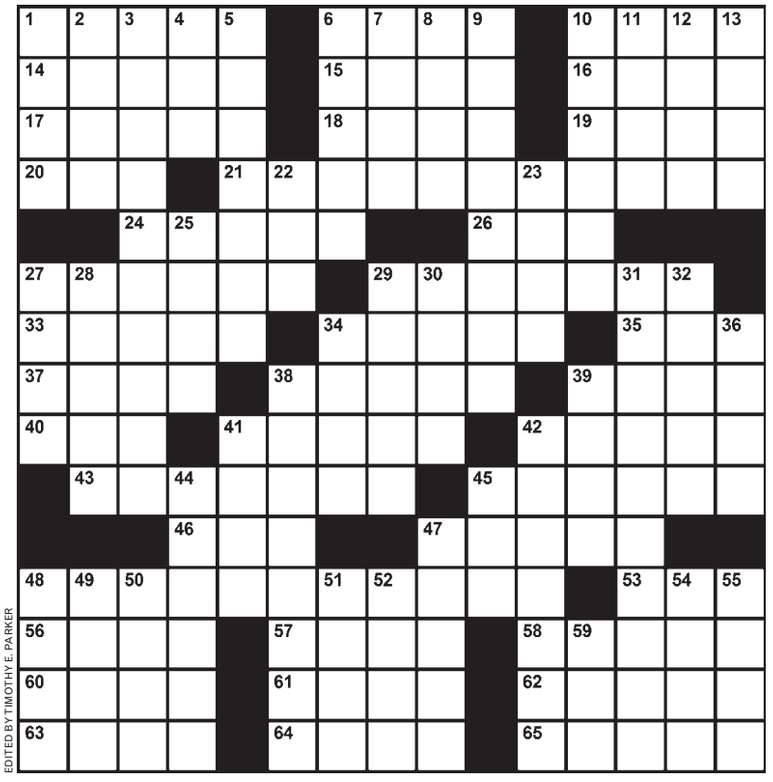
RUNNING A 2K

ACROSS

1 Treks and Schwinns
6 Fitted with boots
10 Share a border
14 Accustom to hardship (var.)
15 May in New Jersey?
16 Guitar ancestor
17 Friendly Islands, formally
18 Unwelcome obligation
19 Healthy cereal ingredient
20 Six-legged hauler
21 Certain chess piece
24 Lickety-split, poetically
26 It may be acquired on the beach
27 Apt
29 Incite
33 Licorice flavor
34 Chardonnay, for one
35 Its cap. is Albany
37 Let off some steam
38 1993 triple-platinum Frank Sinatra album
39 Took the subway
40 Word with "collection" or "critic"
41 Anatomical backs
42 OK, legally
43 Repetitive and boring
45 Nursery rhyme word in a Fitzgerald title
46 Miss an easy fly
47 Sneak ___ (look surreptitiously)
48 Trinkets
53 Then partner
56 Bright star
57 Ibsen character
58 Feudal subject
60 Dashing style
61 Ceremonious poems
62 "The Black Pearl" author Scott
63 Will's opposite
64 About ready to drop
65 Walked into the shallow end

DOWN

1 Kind of blocker
2 Part of, like a practical joke
3 "Roots" character
4 Piece of work?
5 Coastal plant of the crucifer family
6 Rich quick bread
7 Suspend, as curtains
8 "Bloom County" penguin
9 Some computers
10 Lacking pigmentation
11 German town
12 Sundance Film Festival's home
13 Camp shelter
22 Noticeably unfriendly
23 Main part of a church's interior
25 Mosquito or mole, e.g.
27 Red-hot melted rock
28 Like a dead weight
29 News media
30 Pro ___ (in proportion)
31 Hardly bowlegged
32 Entertainer Gorme
34 Advice maven
36 Stone paving block
38 Necessity for an opening act?
39 Show respect to a judge
41 Long dagger with a straight blade
42 Patiently waits for the right moment
44 Pour, as wine
45 Rte. that'll cost you
47 "... ___ of thousands!" (Hollywood hype)
48 Had all the answers
49 ___ contendere (court plea)
50 Terrible tsar
51 Botanical intersection
52 Vicinity
54 Stare amorously
55 Fuse, as metal
59 She's "sweet as apple cider"



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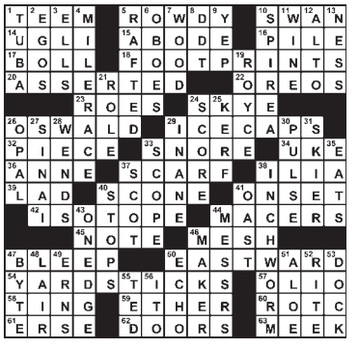

Samurai Sudoku

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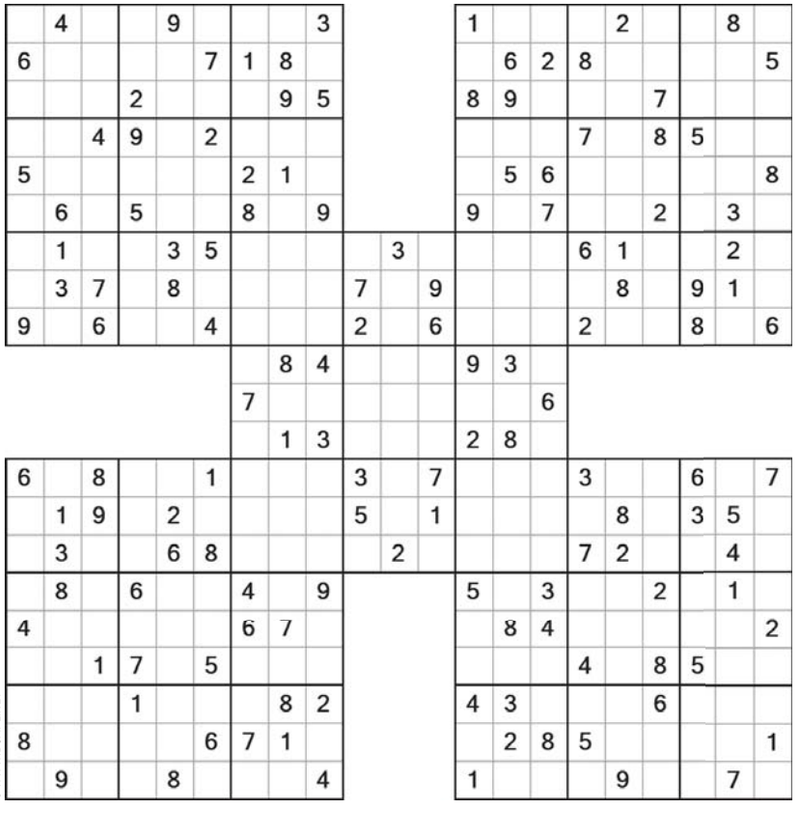
Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.



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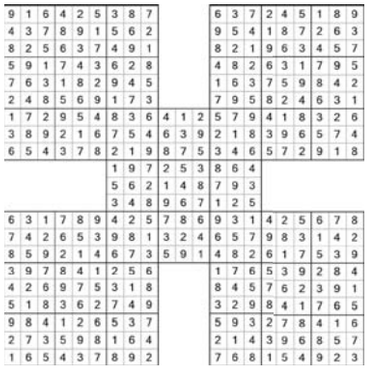

Today in History

1789 The first U.S. presidential election is held. Americans vote for electors who, a month later, choose George Washington to be the nation's first president.

1927 Commercial trans-Atlantic telephone service is inaugurated between New York and London.

2006 Jill Carroll, a freelance journalist for the Christian Science Monitor, is kidnapped and her translator fatally shot in one of Baghdad's most dangerous Sunni Arab neighborhoods.

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Spawn of Oprah Go Forth and Multiply

Personal finance expert Suze Orman is getting her own prime-time show on Oprah Winfrey's new OWN network. Orman's "Money Class" will debut in the fall. Orman will visit individuals and families across the country to give them advice on their own financial circumstances. Winfrey said Thursday that Orman's show will give people who need it a "financial wake-up call." (AP)

FEELING BETTER

Long Live the Queen

Aretha Franklin says the undisclosed ailment that led her to have surgery in Detroit has been resolved. She tells Jet magazine she began to worry after experiencing a sharp pain in her side during a concert last year in Toronto. First she thought the problem stemmed from a colonoscopy but later had doctors run tests. Franklin has canceled concert dates and personal appearances through May, and said doctors ordered eight weeks of rest. She would not discuss reports she was treated for pancreatic cancer. (AP)

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HONORS

Sean Penn Ascends From Human to Art Form

Sean Penn is receiving an award from Hollywood producers honoring his efforts to explore social issues. The Producers Guild of America will bestow its Stanley Kramer Award on Penn on Jan. 22. He is the first person to receive the award. In the past, it's been handed out for socially minded films such as "An Inconvenient Truth" and "Hotel Rwanda." (AP)

ITEM TOO BORING TO DESERVE HEADLINE ...

Authorities in California say actress Jaime Pressly has been arrested in Santa Monica for investigation of driving under the influence of alcohol. The co-star of TV's "My Name Is Earl" was stopped for a traffic violation around 11 p.m. Wednesday and booked on suspicion of DUI. No traffic collision was involved. She spent the night in jail and was released Thursday. (AP)

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Victims

'Nana, Nana, Na-Na' Defense Planned

The trial date for a defamation suit against Courtney Love has been moved to Feb. 8, according to the Hollywood Reporter. Dawn Simorangkir sued Love for tweeting that she was a prostitute and a thief. (EXPRESS)

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